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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.



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SUMMER STORY HOUR AUGUST 14, 2013

Thank you to all who attended our library's Summer Story Hour program this summer! We had great turn-outs for all our Story Hours & we had great fun picking out books from our library & crafting with everyone who came!

During our last story hour, we celebrated Christmas in August, reading the Christmas story from the Children's Bible, "Mary Did You Know?" and "Mortimer's Christmas." We built gingerbread houses and closed by watching "Veggie Tales: The Little Drummer Boy" DVD.



Emily & Emily reading



Our Group!



Becca with her gingerbread house



Pastor carefully building his house



Relationships Matter... At the Dinner Table

My children have no trouble talking. (Still stumped as to which parent they get that from. . . .) Our dinner table is usually full of chatter, though it can easily dissolve into meaningless silliness. Sometimes, though, the table is silent, with each one tired from a long day and simply wanting to eat and then retreat.

Relationships with our kids *do* matter—and the dinner table is one of the best places to develop and deepen those relationships. People who study such things say that teens who eat dinner with their family have higher grade points and lower rates of substance abuse, depression, and teen pregnancy. (*Find more positive results that come from eating together at thefamilydinnerproject.org.*)

If you have a reluctant talker, see the picture at the bottom of the article for great conversation-starters!

Long ago, Moses knew that sitting at home is a great time to connect with your kids, and he has the best advice for conversation topics: "*Fix these words of mine [God's Word] in your hearts and minds. . . . Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home*" (Deuteronomy 11:18,19).

Linda Buxa is a writer, Bible study leader, women's retreat speaker, and a blogger for Time of Grace.

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Get the conversation started
at the dinner table

9. If you could be the parent for a day, what would you do differently?

1. What one thing happened today that made you laugh?

2. If you could meet one person from the Bible (besides Jesus), who would it be and why?

3. If a genie popped out of a bottle, what would your three wishes be?

4. What adult is your role model?

5. Which fruit of the Spirit do you show well already? Which one do you most need to work on?

6. If you had \$100 to help someone, how would you spend the money?

7. If a fire is coming and we have 10 minutes to get out of our house, what would you take?

8. How can you tell someone you love them without using words?

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Continuing Education



It seems at nearly every pastor's conference I attend, someone is talking about continuing education. Quite a number of men in our area are pursuing a specialized degree or just looking to learn about topics they did not previously have the time study. Still others return to the seminary or take online courses in Hebrew or Greek, or a whole host of other topics designed to assist the parish pastor.

In our congregation, students of all ages are heading off to school, some for the first time and others who are expanding their knowledge or looking for a career change. Still others regularly find themselves studying God's Word in the various classes our church offers year-round. We never stop learning.

Continuing education in the Bible is the topic of the following section of the apostle Paul's letter to young pastor Timothy: **2 Timothy 3:14-17** (NIV '84) *Continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

How well do you know the Bible? Are you growing in knowledge and appreciation of God's love for you? Could you benefit from a little extra time in the holy Scriptures?

From little on, many of us have heard and learned about Jesus our Savior, who by His death and resurrection have won for us forgiveness of sins and the certain hope for everlasting peace in heaven. The Lord's inspired and inerrant book reveals the only plan for salvation and eternal life. It equips us for lives of service in God's kingdom and educates us for the day we leave planet earth.



We only stop learning and growing in faith if we stop reading and meditating on the Word. In the same way that we forget the basics of Algebra or English grammar when we do not use those skills, so also we forget the truth and direction that the Lord lays out for us clearly in the Bible (and lose the eternal life which is ours through faith in Jesus) if we are no longer students of His Word.

Continuing education is important, especially when it comes to the ongoing spiritual education we receive in the Bible. Paul's encouragement to Timothy is one that we should take to heart: *continue in what you have learned*. We know and believe in Jesus our Savior. We need regular reminders of His love for us. We need daily encouragement to respond to His grace with gratitude and service. We need to prepare for the day when we will leave this earth.

The following courses are available for you to continue to grow in faith, to lead a more God-pleasing life, and to share the Word:

January – December: 10:30 am Sunday morning Bible class (7th grade through age 110)

Current topic: "Living Christian Values in the Home – Honesty"

January – December: 9 am Tuesday & Thursday morning Bible class (all ages welcome)

Current topic: "The Life of Paul in the Book of Acts"

September – May: 10:15 am Sunday School (ages 2 through 6th grade)

September – May: 6 pm Monday evening Level 1 confirmation (5th through 8th grade)

Topic: "From Promise to Glory" an overview of the whole Bible

September – May: 6 pm Wednesday evening Level 2 confirmation (6th grade and up)

Topic: "Basic Christian Doctrine" an in-depth study of the basic teachings of the Bible



Continuing education in God's Word makes you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, so that you may be thoroughly equipped for lives of service to the Lord, here on earth and forever in heaven. Please join me for a continuing education in the Bible. Let's learn together!

Pastor Roger Riedel



A Short Story

I Need More... KNOWLEDGE



The Church of Scientology teaches that people are basically good, that their capabilities are unlimited, and those capabilities can be realized. People can also achieve new, higher states of awareness and ability. *Scientology* claims that the secrets to this higher knowledge can only be found in their church through a process they call "auditing."

Seems strange? But honestly, a cultic religion that encourages you to look within yourself for more knowledge can really satisfy an itch. Who doesn't feel they need more knowledge? And how about being able to pat yourself on the back for pursuing it and supposedly finding that knowledge within yourself? That's pretty appealing to the human heart.

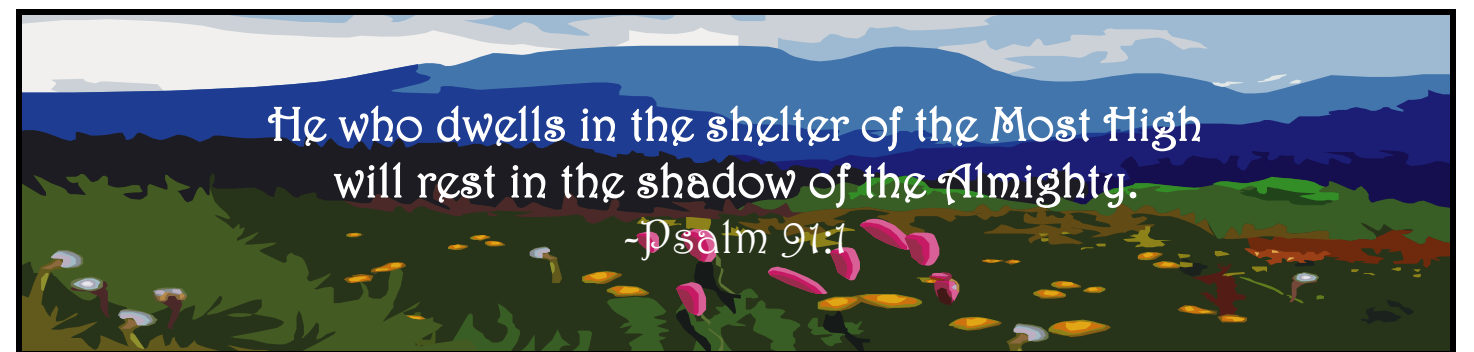
But God's Word sounds much different than L. Ron Hubbard, who authored the book that has become *Scientology's* bible. God says people are not basically good, that people's natural capabilities are limited to sinning and rebelling against God. As a result, God says all people are the same: "*There is no one who understands, no one who seeks God...The way of peace they do not know*" (Romans 3:11,17).

God is right! Not L. Ron Hubbard! Need proof? Think about Adam and Eve when they pursued more knowledge on their own apart from God. They rejected God's Word and sinned. Look at what their own inner pursuit of knowledge got them and us! A world infected by sin so badly that everyone eventually dies.

Jesus knows we all lack knowledge, and he wants to fill that void. He does so not by telling us to find it inside ourselves, but by telling us to look outside ourselves. We find knowledge in the Bible. Through his Word, God makes us wise; he gives us insight and understanding (Psalm 119:98-100). That's because God's Word gives us knowledge that we can't find or discover anywhere else.

The Bible tells about Jesus. It tells how wide and long and high and deep Jesus' love is for people. That love drove Jesus to come to this world, to bear the sin of every person, to die on a cross, to suffer the eternal punishment for all sins. That's love—love so amazing that God declares that your sins are forgiven because of Jesus. That's love—love so beyond understanding that Jesus, the righteous one, should die for the unrighteous. But he did! That's why the Apostle Paul says that "*this love surpasses knowledge*" (Ephesians 3:19).

**In Jesus' love for you, you have everything you truly need to know,
both now and forever.**



WELS Muslim Outreach Coordinator to Speak in Greenville

The LWMS of Immanuel Church of Greenville is privileged to have Pastor Peter Reid, former missionary of Indonesia, now WELS Muslim Outreach Coordinator, as our speaker on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 pm. We invite your ladies and men, also any interested youth, to join us in our church building as he shares ways to present Jesus and Bible truths especially to Muslims. Fellowship and refreshments will also be enjoyed. Please call Nancy Jahn at 920-779-0453 or email at njahn@new.rr.com with any questions or to RSVP.

Youth Ministry Workshop


SAVE THE DATE!

REGISTRATION COMING SOON!
Saturday, October 5, 2013 8:30 am– 12 pm
St. Mark Lutheran Church, De Pere
Join us for Christian training and fellowship
Take home binders and snacks provided.

Three topics will help us learn how to teach eager preschool children, help us understand what's going on in preteen's changing minds, and discover things that could truly derail your kid's faith if you're not aware of them.

More information coming soon!

Interactive Faith Series Starting



The next Interactive Faith online Bible study will begin Wednesday, Sept. 4 and last through Wednesday, Oct. 9. Two sessions, each Wednesday, will be held starting at 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm.

Rev. Keith Wessel, professor of Latin and Greek at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., will be leading the study on the ministry of Elijah.

Wessel says Elijah's ministry has a lot to teach us today. *"The main thing that the ministry of Elijah teaches us is that our faithful God will protect his Word and preserve those who trust in it, even in the worst of spiritual times."* He continues, *"The study of a historical book (such as the days of Elijah) provide us with a much-needed perspective on such things as the wickedness of the world, the power of the Word, ministry in difficult situations, and the faithfulness of God to his promises."*

The Interactive Faith online Bible studies, developed by the WELS Commission on Adult Discipleship, are designed for either small groups or individuals to participate from church or at home; all are invited to join. To join the study, go to www.wels.net/interactivefaith.

A Great Need

It has come to Christian Life Resources's (the pro-family and pro-life group affiliated with the WELS) attention that Cassie Husby, the young wife of Pastor Jeremy Husby of Peace Lutheran Church in Hartford, WI, has a great need. The notice we received reads as follows:



Cassie has Cystic Fibrosis. This is a life-threatening genetic disease. Cassie has officially been placed on the lung transplant list. As soon as a pair of lungs is available for her, she can be called. The congregation is anxiously waiting for this blessing.

There is a great financial need that goes along with this blessing. The lung transplant surgery is covered, but the post-surgery medications are not covered. The total expenses are estimated to be \$60,000 to \$84,000.

Team Cassie, a committee from Peace Lutheran Church, has been established to help coordinate fundraising activities. We are appealing to you to help defray these expenses.

The Hartford Area Foundation has agreed to assist in handling monies raised for Cassie. This will enable donations to be tax deductible and eliminate tax concerns for the Husbys.

Checks should be made out to "HARTFORD AREA FOUNDATION" and designated for "TEAM CASSIE" on the memo line.

A receipt from the Foundation will be mailed to donors for their income tax records.

Checks may be mailed to:

Team Cassie
1001 Center St., Hartford, WI 53027
We are instructed in Scripture as follows: *"As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers"* (Galatians 6:10). Cassie represents a great personal need. If possible, please consider this need of our sister in Christ and provide a gift directly to the foundation indicated above. This is a great expense for a single family to handle. Collectively, however, we can do it!
~ Pastor Robert Fleischmann, National Director

CHRISTIAN LIFE RESOURCES
3070 Helsan Drive, Richfield, WI 53076 262-677-5230

Outreach News

Greetings from your Evangelism Committee.

My name is Ken Kasper. My wife Marie and I recently transferred to Peace. I am privileged to serve on Church Council as Chairman of your Evangelism Committee.

Evangelism should be a part of everything we do here. For example, our education and stewardship efforts are never limited to just those in our congregation. Through these programs and faithful volunteers God has certainly blessed us with successes in the sharing of the Good News. While many of our activities are open to the public, the public has remained largely unaware of them. This year, we ramped up outside contact. We did this through getting the information out to our community concerning "for kids" events, e.g. asking the Argus to print our press releases, and sharing our Holy Week worship opportunities with air-time on WAUH. This year, through a very modest flyer campaign, about half of our VBS attendees were non-member children.

Out of thanks for what God in Christ did for us on the cross we want to live our faith, part of which is sharing the Good News with others. In the coming months, we will be asking people to help in our evangelism efforts. Our Pine Car Derby, Mornings with Mommy, Christmas and Easter for Kids, Summer Story Hour, along with ongoing Bible classes and worship services provide opportunities that should be shared with our community more vigorously than ever before. Please prayerfully consider making Evangelism an even greater part of your daily life. We could certainly use your help to have God bless our community through you. When volunteers or input are sought and we don't respond, we are saying we really don't care. Make it clear that you do care, that you know that God exists, that you know you are saved by grace alone, and that you care about our congregation and community. Thank you and God bless you, Ken Kasper (920-942-6273)

Outreach Activities to Mark on Your Calendar:
UWSP Pantry Food Drive: through September 15th. Our goal is to overwhelm their hearts, minds, and shelves with what we collect. The following items are most needed: mac & cheese, ramen noodles, oatmeal, pop-tarts, cereal, hamburger helper, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits and vegetables, canned pasta/stew, or any personal hygiene items.
Outreach Committee Members Needed: We are seeking confirmed members who may be interested in serving our Lord in the area of evangelism. Please consider this rewarding service work. **There will be an informational meeting on September 8th immediately following worship.** No signup required. Come and learn how easy it is to do God's work. Evangelism work is easy to participate in and with our programs/planning, very little effort and a few hours of time

is all that required in order for you, our Congregation, and God's lost sheep to all reap rich rewards.

Friendship Sunday: September 15th will be a name tag/friendship Sunday. The evangelism committee will be helping to provide coffee hour goodies and aid in making sure our special guests feel very welcome when they visit Peace. Please give prayerful consideration to inviting a friend, neighbor, coworker or even a stranger to worship, or coffee hour, or both!

Neighborhood Canvassing: Saturday, October 26th we will meet at church for coffee and doughnuts then doing flyering for our 1st Annual Harvest festival, Advent schedule, all current and upcoming programs. The following Wednesday, October 30th we will have a pizza supper and finish flyering.

Harvest Festival: Friday November 1st we will have a potluck dinner followed by fall fun for all ages. We will have a "dress-as-a-bible-character" contest, cookie decorating, are you smarter than a confirmation student, mummy making races, lots of other fun and interactive games for all ages. This is an outreach event as well, so please invite a friend! Then, start picking out your character and costume, and join us for this new, exciting fellowship night!

Friendship Sunday: Sunday, November 3rd. This is an excellent opportunity for any guests to hear exactly what we, here at Peace, believe. Special invites will be given to those who had come to our Harvest Festival.

Sign-ups for these outreach opportunities will be appearing on the table in the fellowship hall in the next few weeks. Please watch for them, sign up, and help make a difference in our congregation and community.

COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Ages 2 years and up are encouraged to join us for Sunday School this year! Our first class will be on **Sunday, September 8 at 10:15 am.**

The Sunday School staff has been meeting and planning all summer! We have a new curriculum for most of the classes and teachers have been eagerly getting ready to use this updated and especially-for-Sunday School version of the NPH-published ChristLight curriculum.

Contact any of our staff with questions/concerns:
Pastor Riedel 920-765-2883
Kevin Bohn, Education Committee Chair 920-765-2146
Bob Mitchell, Superintendent 920-291-5166
Beth Riedel, 2/3 y/o preschool; music 920-787-7078
Rebecca Bohn, 4K/5K; music assist. 920-765-2147
Emily Riedel, 4K/5K 920-787-7078
Jan Schroeder, 1/2 grade 920-787-4331
Ahnsharee Klusmeyer, 3/4 grade 920-539-3560
Christine Bohn, 5/6 grade 920-765-2147



See you at Sunday School!





Church News



We Need You!

Can you help us on Saturday, September 21 at the WELS- Church Librarians Organization's (WELS-CLO) Fall Conference here at Peace?

We need helpers in the following areas:

- Registration Table** (7:45 am-9:15 am)
- Kitchen Help** (three shifts: 7:30-9:30 am, 9:30 am-11:30 am, or 11:30 am- 2 pm)
- Equipment Helpers** (7:30 am- 3 pm)
- Sound Technicians** (three shifts: 8:45-10:15 am, 10:15 am- 12 pm, or 1-3:30 pm)
- Set-Up Helpers** (Friday, September 20, 5-8 pm)
- Clean Up Helpers** (three shifts: 8 am-12 pm, 12-3 pm, and 3-6 pm)

All helpers will be able to attend the speaker's programs and enjoy morning refreshments and lunch at **no cost!** **If you can't come to help, still join us!** We will have two speakers during the day, Ren Kremer, author & owner of Kremer Publishing, talking about Amish Schools & Churches and Anna Bartsch, who will talk about life in Bulgaria as a missionary. The cost to attend for the day for non-helpers is \$10 and that includes refreshments in the morning, the opportunity to shop the NPH store, lunch and all program materials. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help! Please see Emily Riedel or Emily Bohn with any questions about the WELS-CLO Fall Conference.



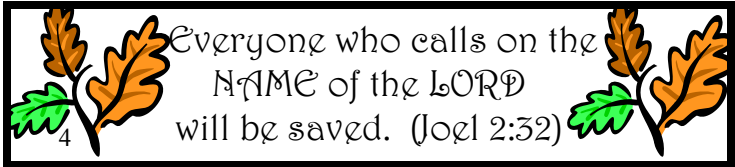
Church Library Hours

Thursday & Sunday: *Before & after the service*
Tues-Wed-Thurs: 8 am- 5 pm

July Offerings and Gifts

Thank you to all who gave weekly and who gave special gifts this month!

General Fund	\$21,254.54
Reimbursements for envelopes	\$5.00
Special Gifts:	
Church picnic	\$75.00
Mornings with Mommy	\$120.00
Total offerings and gifts for July	\$21,454.54



Why Lutheran Pioneers?

"Why should my child be a Pioneer? We're so busy!" The Peace Pioneers strive to be a group that not only has tons of fun (which we do!), but instills a love for our Savior and teaches our youth how to show that love in every aspect of their lives.

I want to tell you a story. It's my story. When Pioneers began, eight years ago, I'm pretty sure that the majority of this congregation believed that the Pioneer program wouldn't last. Maybe I even believed that (but just a little!). But then, after the first meeting, and the second meeting, something was happening. These kids WANTED to come to Pioneers. It was no longer their parents encouraging them to come, it was them. I see friendships that may not be as strong (or at all), if not for Pioneers. I see older Pioneers taking a huge, genuine interest in younger Pioneers. I see adult leaders and helpers hugging Pioneers that they may not have gotten the chance to know without this program. I see (and hear) Pioneers talking easily about Christ to each other and to their non-Pioneer friends. I see love for each other. I feel love. And that is exactly what I had hoped for when I asked Pastor Roebke if we could start a Pioneer program at Peace. I wanted people to feel like they belong here- 'cause they do!

Ask any Pioneer why they come back every year. Ask leaders why they work hard all year long to make sure this program succeeds. It's all about love. Jesus' love and our response to that. Please consider registering your child, aged Kindergarten-high school. We have children of all ages in Pioneers. The Pioneers is an open program- we encourage our Pioneers to invite their unchurched friends. If you know anyone who isn't a member of Peace, but would benefit from the Pioneers, please see Christine Bohn. ***Our first meeting will be on Sun, Sept. 8 at 1 pm.*** For more information about the Pioneer program, please contact: Pastor Riedel 920-765-2883, Kevin Bohn 920-765-2146, Christine Bohn 920-765-2147, Beth Riedel 920-787-7078, or Ahnsharee Klusmeyer 920-539-3560.

Ladies Aid Picnic

All ladies are invited to the Ladies Aid annual picnic on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 12 pm at the home of Jan Schroeder, N2234 19th Road, Wautoma. Please see Marion Treichel (608-333-6581), Ladies Aid president, with any questions. We hope to see you all there!



News About Our Church Family

Congratulations

Mr. & Mrs. Larry and Nicole (nee Winkelmann) Anderson, who were married on Saturday, August 10, 2013.

Change of Address

- Larry & Nicole Anderson**
215 S. Main Street
Plainfield, WI 54966
715-347-4272; 715-498-7242
- LTC Lisa Bartel**
CMR 422 Box 1320
APO AE 09067
- Pearl Muske**
c/o Heartland House Rm 302
Wautoma, WI 54982
- Margaret Walker**
c/o Heartland House Rm 10
Wautoma, WI 54982
- Roger Peterson**
(summer address)
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Hudson, WI 54016
rogerpete64@yahoo.com
- Coty Roebke**
1805 Tuscany Drive
Conway, AR 72034
- Don & Marlene Nelson**
W7018 Irogami Trail
Wautoma, WI 54982
920-787-5035

Please Keep Our College-Bound Members in your Prayers!

- Nicole Anderson** (Mid-State Technical College)
Ellen Hetcher (Michigan Tech)
141 E Wadsworth Hall, Houghton, MI 49931
Wes Hetcher (Lawrence University), Appleton
Ken Kasper (UW-Stevens Point)
Vincent Owens
9 Waunona Woods Ct #8, Monona, WI 53713
Morgan Rohrbaugh (Carthage College), Kenosha
Sara Siegel (Fox Valley Technical College)



Birthdays

- 9/1 Karen Mosier
Pete Reitz
- 9/2 Jim Bower
- 9/4 Edwin Bruskewitz
- 9/5 Gabriel Hill
- 9/7 Todd Bartel
- 9/8 Ardell Schwesenska
Allen Raatz
- 9/11 Tim Quinn
Autumn Stern
- 9/13 Gerald Kraus
- 9/15 Noel Zorn
Harold Stechmesser
- 9/17 Lauraine Raatz
- 9/21 Leana Pankau
LaVerne Keihl
- 9/22 Noah Minster
- 9/23 Kali Klusmeyer
- 9/28 Bob O'Brien
Flo Bettin
- 9/29 Mike Grunert
Jean Doubek

SORRY! Last month, we missed a birthday!
8/26 Emily Riedel

Anniversaries

- 9/3 Jeffery & Debra Raatz (8)
- 9/4 Jim & Pat Lichtenburg (42)
- 9/10 Harry & Leana Pankau (64)
- 9/11 Lynn & Patti Anderson
- 9/16 Colleen & Mike Zahn (7)
- 9/17 Tom & Terri Jo Fendler (25)
Eric & Rebecka Richards (2)
- 9/20 Tim & Nancy Quinn (33)
- 9/24 Bob & LaVerne Keihl (64)
DuWayne & Jean Bartel (53)
Donna & Harold McKay (47)



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.

