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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 2nd Wednesday 5:30 pm
 (Teen youth group, 8th-12th grade)



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.

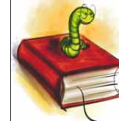
*"Here I stand,
 I can do no other."
 — Martin Luther*



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Church Library Hours



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

Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
 8 am-5 pm



Put on Christ

A missionary to China was telling the story of Jesus to a group. A few minutes passed when one said, "Oh, yes, we knew him; he used to live here." The missionary said, "No, he lived centuries ago in another land." But the man insisted he had seen Jesus, saying, "No! He lived in this village and we knew him!" They then showed him the grave of a medical missionary who had lived, served, healed, and died in that community.

Would people say that of us? Would they say, "We remember her Christ-like character; when she entered a room the fragrance of Christ came with her"? Or "When he came into the office, the whole place just seemed different"? When people see us, do they see Christ shining right through us, like a stained-glass window? **The Gospel is communicated by a person** who not only speaks it, but lives it. Scripture says, "What kind of people ought you be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming" (2 Peter 3:11-12).

A wise man once said, "The best way to send an idea is to wrap it up in a person." That's what God did in Christ. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. That's what we do when we "put on Christ" each day where we live, work and play.

If I asked you to suddenly remember five good sermons you've heard in your life, you might have a hard time. But if I asked you to name five persons who had "put on Christ" and through whom God really touched you, I'm sure you could point right away to a parent, an aunt, a grandfather, a teacher... in the same way, as we share the love of God in Jesus Christ by our words and actions, God can shine through us to bring others to "put on Christ."

That is my question to you. Are you, as Luther said, a "little Christ" where ever you go? Do people see you more of the world or of God's Word? Do your non-Christian friends say, "Oh John isn't all that different from us, even though he is a Christian. He drinks too much just like we do at a party. He enjoys a dirty joke as much as we do." Or do they say, "There is something different about those Christians. Look how they love one another! They really live by their faith. We want that faith, too!"

Then we can direct them to the Author and Finisher of our faith, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We can encourage them to "put on Christ." We can encourage them to search the Scriptures daily to know his will and plan for their lives. We can help them develop a richer prayer life, and they, too, can become a "little Christ" where ever they go.

Written by Roger Schultz

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From our Pastor

Have You Read Any Good Books Lately?



Thanks to our faithful young librarians, we have some great suggested reading displayed on the shelves in our church library. There is a biography of Luther and one of the books from C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia* series. You will even find a couple of different study Bibles on display, one for adults and another for children. It's almost as though our librarians are asking, "Have you read any good books lately? Check these out!"

Well, have you read any good books lately?

That seems to be the question that Jesus poses in the opening verses of His revelation to saint John. Listen to our Savior's reading suggestion:

Revelation 1:1-3 (NIV1984) The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending His angel to His servant John, who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

The Lord reveals His plan to return to earth as Judge of all. He isn't just *suggesting* that we read His Word. Our Savior attaches a blessing to everyone who reads the Bible and takes it to heart. Jesus' desire is that all people read His book, repent of their sins, believe in Him as their Savior, and worship Him as their Lord. In so doing, we are glorifying the only true God, strengthening our faith, building our confidence for heaven on the words and works of God's Son, and preparing for that time which is near – the return of the King.



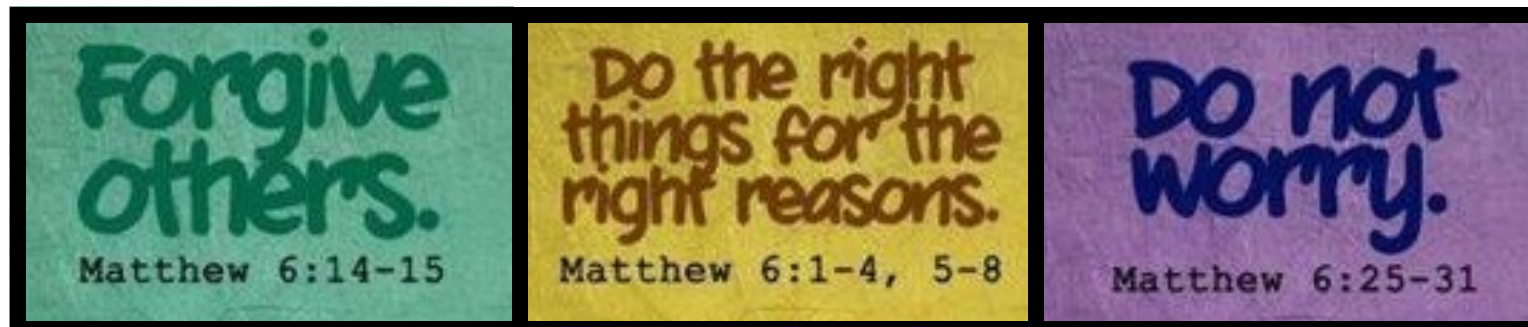
You are blessed when you gather in God's house on Sunday morning or Thursday evening to meditate on the holy Scriptures and praise the Lord with members of this Christian congregation. You are blessed when you begin the day reading the daily *Meditations* or some other biblical devotion book. You are blessed when you spend time on Sunday, Tuesday, or Thursday morning in Bible study with a group of your fellow believers. You are blessed when you close the day with God's Word and prayer before you drift off to sleep.

Why? Reading Jesus' book brings us into contact with our sin and God's grace. It reminds us of the pathetic and desperate situation we face as sinners, and the amazing grace and mercy of our forgiving Lord. Pondering the Law and Gospel equips us to lead a more God-pleasing life, so that we turn from temptation and strive for service to the Lord. We are empowered to live our faith, with actions and attitudes of gratitude to the One who rescued us from a well-deserved hell and prepares us for never-ending bliss in heaven. That is how we are blessed when we read the Word of God...and hear it...and take it to heart. We are preparing ourselves to go home to be with Jesus.

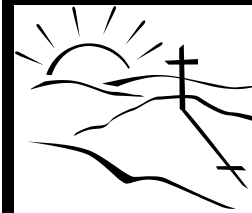


So, find a good book and read! Better yet, find THE good book, God's Word, and join me in preparing for what must soon take place...Jesus is coming soon!

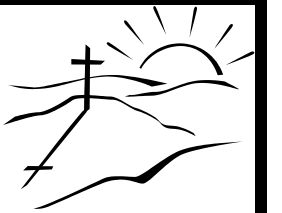
Pastor Roger Riedel



A Short Story



I Need More...



FAITH



A couple decades ago, our churches used a special series titled "Faith Alive." It included a theme banner and four weekly pamphlets. One of those pamphlets had the additional subtitle "Trusting God." Both of those titles are very pertinent to this article: "I Need More FAITH."

I can't imagine any honest Christian who wouldn't say a hearty "Amen" to that statement. Because of the common weakness of our sinful, human nature, the fervent request that a greatly distressed father made to Jesus

with regard to his son's great need and his own weakness of faith has often struck a chord: "*I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!*" (Mark 9:24)

Notice how that statement is punctuated with only a semicolon with regard to his faith, but an exclamation point with regard to his unbelief. Unfortunately, that's the reality of the faith-life of God's people. We wish our own "Faith Alive" banner were punctuated with an exclamation mark or at least a simple period. But we know a question mark suggesting uncertainty or doubt gets in there way too often.

Just about every Sunday the worshipers in our churches make a confession of faith with the Apostles' or Nicene Creed. The key truths of the Christian faith are very briefly and yet adequately summarized in those statements. There are no exclamation points in either of those great, ancient creeds—just commas and periods that acknowledge the basic scriptural facts. That's an important aspect about saving faith: knowing the truth about the true God and the Savior he has given us.

Since this faith is totally a gift, we need to keep going to the Lord with this request, "Lord, I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" We keep having a problem with unbelief because it's such a "natural" part of us. Faith is a supernatural thing, and it is kept alive and strong only with the supernatural Word of our supernatural God.

The most important thing to remember about faith is that it derives all of its strength from its object, that on which it rests. As a famous preacher once said, "**It is not your hold on Christ that saves you; it is Christ. It is not your joy in Christ that saves you; it is Christ. It is not even your faith in Christ that saves you, though that be the instrument. It is Christ's blood and merit.**" There might indeed be many instances where our trusting faith is pretty shaky, but the Savior and his promises are rock solid. With this subject of faith it's most important to hear him speak with exclamation points, "I love you! I have saved you! I will never let you go!"



"This is the day the Lord has made.
Let's rejoice and be glad today!"
Psalm 118:24

Youth Ministry Workshop**Saturday, October 5, 2013 8:30 am– 12 pm**
St. Mark Lutheran Church, De PereJoin 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.*

This Workshop is for all our Youth ministry workers– Sunday School staff, Pioneers leaders, teen leaders and anyone interested in any area of youth ministry. Please see Pastor Riedel to register asap!

**You're Invited to Our
Open House****WELS Center for Mission and Ministry****Tuesday, October 8, 2013 3- 8 p.m.**

It's been nearly three months since the synod's administrative offices moved into the new WELS Center for Mission and Ministry in Waukesha. The boxes have been unpacked, the pictures hung, and our workers have settled into their new spaces. The shared reaction by all who work in this building and by all who have visited is, "What a blessing!" This building belongs to you, the members of our Synod. For that reason, we would like to invite you to an open house on Tue, Oct. 8, from 3- 8 p.m. Synod employees will be on hand to show you around, and tell you a little bit about what they do. It just so happens that the Conference of Presidents (COP) will also be meeting on that day. The members of the COP will end their meeting a little early to give them a chance to greet and visit with you. The address of the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry is N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188. A map and driving directions are available at www.wels.net/cmmaddress.

**Wausau Area WELS Hmong Ministry
RALLY****Saturday, October 19 10 am**Join us as we celebrate the first 2 years of ministry with the Word, a report from Pastor Yang, the adoption of by-laws, the installation of the Board, and light refreshments at
Mountain of the Lord Lutheran Church
5506 Bittersweet Rd, Wausau.**Conquering Through Christ**

Right now, someone you know very well may be feeling . . . ashamed. Trapped. Lost. Guilty. Conquered. That "someone" might be your spouse, your son, your church president, or you.

What makes them feel so hopeless? Internet pornography. According to every survey, pornography is a cancer that has spread through our nation, our churches, our checkout aisles, our internet browsers, and everywhere else. The temptation is hard to avoid, harder to resist, and hardest to escape.*Why?* Anyone with an Internet connection can access porn for free from their own home. This is a sin that spreads its tentacles in our hearts. Millions of Christians admit, "I'm being conquered" and wonder if that statement will ever change.*But there is hope!* **Conquerors through Christ (CtC)** is a new WELS effort designed to minister to those being conquered by pornography and help them conquer it through the help of Christ. By leveraging the power of the gospel to take away guilt, erase shame, and empower us for purity, CtC brings a gospel-centered voice to the world of sexual addiction. CtC released a Web site meant to help those who struggle with pornography. People are finding hope through the Word. *How can you help?* Check out conquerorsthrough-christ.net and watch the powerful videos to equip you to fight your own battle or to help others fight theirs. Pray that God would use this ministry to rescue his sons & daughters from this trap.*Questions? Comments? You can contact CtC through their Web site at the address listed above.***"We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." –Romans 8:37**© WELS "His Hands" September 2013 issue
WELS Special Ministries N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive,
Waukesha, WI 53188**Christian Life Resources'
National Convention 2013****"A Diligent Heart"****Saturday, November 2****St. Paul, 799 St. Paul Dr, Slinger**

Highlighting this year's CLR Convention will be an array of outstanding and informative speakers who will provide guidance on God's truths about life and family. Enjoy this day of learning as you grow spiritually with a "diligent heart"!

*The fee of only \$35 includes a delicious catered lunch, snacks, and all conference materials. To register, call 1-800-729-9535 (M-F 8 am-4:30pm) or visit christianliferesources.com***Church News**

8th Annual Peace Lutheran Pioneers

**Chili Dinner
& Silent Auction****Saturday, October 19, 2013****4:30-7 PM**Come & enjoy all-u-can-eat homemade chili & cornbread, sandwiches and desserts and try your luck at our ever-popular Silent Auction!
*Suggested Donation for dinner: \$5 per person***We are accepting items for the silent auction and food donations!**
Please see the sign up sheet on the back table in the fellowship hall or see Kevin Bohn (920-765-2146) for more information.All proceeds go directly to the
Peace Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers.**LWMS RALLY: SPEAKING THE
TRUTH IN LOVE TO MORMONS**

The above statement is the topic of our speakers at the LWMS Rally in Waupaca, WI on Saturday, October 19. Please see our poster and more information plus our sign-up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall. We will plan to leave Peace at 7:30 AM that day.

Transportation will be provided. Just sign your name on the sheet. Lunch will be served.

We will be back to Wautoma by approx. 1 PM. Please see Marilynn Chesbrough (787-2519) with any questions.

Mornings With MommyBe sure to join us for Mornings with Mommy on October 7 and October 21 at 10 am. Register at www.wautomapeacelutheran.org.*Ahnsharee singing "The Wheels on the Bus"**Moms have one-on-one time with their kids**Moms get to play, too!**Reading with Mom***Thanks a Bunch!**

To All Our Friends at Peace,
Thank you so much for the beautiful card and well-wishes. We truly appreciate all our support and prayers as we go through this transition– God has a plan! We're exploring the churches down here (there are only 2 WELS churches in all of Grant County). One is a campus ministry, the other service starts at 7:45 am. We haven't made it there yet, but will one of these weekends. The pastor is very nice and Emma found a friend from Camp Phillip who attends there. The school here is really small (student-wise) but VERY FRIENDLY. The kids are making new friends and getting involved (football, volleyball, musical...)
We'll continue to keep all of you in our prayers and if you're ever on the southwest side of the state, look us up! It's beautiful country.
Love, The Hetchers
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Church News

WELS— Church Librarians' Organization Fall Conference Highlights

Saturday, September 21, 2013

Thank you to all our volunteers and helpers:

Bernice Baranyk, Barb Bartel, Jean Bartel, Kevin & Christine Bohn, Rebecca Bohn, Ken & Marie Kasper, Verona Kloehn, Ahnsharee Klusmeyer, Marvin & Marion Mischka, Tammy Mitchell, Pastor & Beth Riedel, Carlyle & Phyllis Schmidt, Darlene Travers, Bev Walker and Joyce Woodruff.

We couldn't have had this conference here at Peace without your assistance! Thank you for making the WELS-CLO Fall Conference a success!



Our librarians and co-chairs for the Fall 2013 WELS-CLO Conference, Emily Reidel & Emily Bohn



NPH Book Sale



Beth & Bev serving lunch



51 librarians from all over Wisconsin and Michigan attended the Conference



← Afternoon speaker Anna Bartsch gave a presentation about life and missionary work in Bulgaria.

Morning speaker → Reynold Kremer gave a presentation about Amish Churches and Schools. Pictured with Christine Bohn.

You're cordially invited to *Advent By Candlelight*

An Advent event for ladies and their daughters, mothers, aunts, sisters & friends.

Sunday, December 1, 2013

1 pm



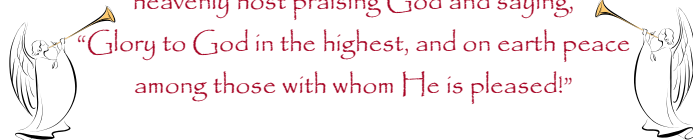
"Have a Mary Christmas"

presented by the Peace Lutheran Girl Pioneers

Join us for a very special afternoon of God's Word, music, dessert, & fellowship.

Please Rsvp the number attending to Christine at 920-765-2147 or christinebohn@rocketmail.com by November 24.

The angel said to them,
"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"



News About Our Church Family

Change of Address

Eric & Becky Richards
N5273 Cty Rd H
Wild Rose, WI 54984

Welcome to Our New Members!

Jeff & Karin Hetcher
Ellen, Wes, Emma & Gus
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Casseville, WI 53806
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Ken & Rosie Kerl
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Pardeeville, WI 53954
kgkerl@gmail.com

Walton & Carol Miller
920-787-5522
W6794 Porters Lake Rd
Wautoma, WI 54982

New Phone Number

Neal & Cindy Roebke
920-840-7076

Christmas Dinner & Mitten Drive October 27-November 24

We will be accepting mittens or gloves, adult or children sizes, new or gently used.

These mittens will be donated to the Waushara County Christmas Project that gives boxes of food and gifts for children to low income families in our county. Last year, we donated 20 pairs of mittens.

We will also be collecting Christmas dinner-type foods, like potatoes, sweet potatoes, canned veggies, canned pumpkin, baking items and stuffing mixes. If you'd like to donate a turkey or a chicken, please put it in the freezer in the fellowship hall.

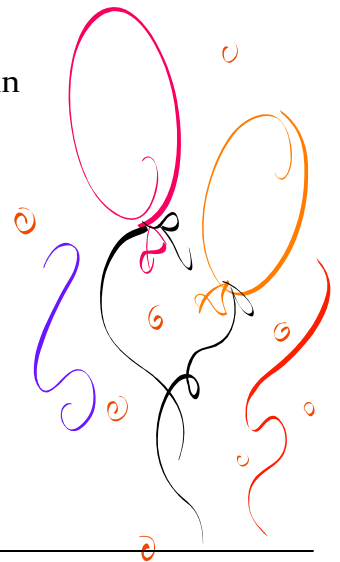
Please place all donations in the boxes in the back in the fellowship hall.

If you know of someone who would benefit from a "Christmas Dinner" food box this year, please let Christine Bohn (920-787-3856) or Pastor Riedel know. **All names given will be held in the strictest of confidence.** Any food not given in our Christmas Dinner boxes will be donated to the local food pantry or the Waushara County Christmas Project. This year's drive is sponsored by the Boy & Girl Pioneers.



Birthdays

- 10/1 Judith Winkelmann
Lenny Eichsteadt
Joel Hansen
- 10/5 Corey Roebke
- 10/12 Judy Benz
- 10/17 Nancy Bartel
- 10/19 Beau Klapoetke
- 10/21 Trent Nelson
- 10/22 Edith Bruskwitz
- 10/23 Evelyn O'Brien
Larry Anderson
- 10/30 Tom Fendler



Anniversaries

- 10/1 Nate & Jennie Sigourney (8)
- 10/4 Joe & Sue Siegel (27)
- 10/20 Edwin & Edith Bruskwitz (51)
- 10/22 Nathan & Michelle Klapoetke (8)



F.Y.I. 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.

Peace Lutheran Church Offerings

August 1- 31, 2013

Fund	
General fund	\$12,450.43
Free Will Offering	\$364.00
Thrivent Choice	\$64.00
Roof Project	\$200.00
Total	\$13,078.43

September 1-15, 2013

Fund	
General Fund	\$7520.90
LWMS Dues/Missions	\$282.00
Thrivent Choice	\$25.00
Mornings with Mommy	\$150.00
Total	\$7977.90