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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.

Give thanks to the LORD,
for He is good;
His love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34



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November 2013

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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



Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday, November 27
7 pm
No Thursday Worship on November 28.

My Thanksgiving Top Ten List

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.
(Psalm 100:4)

10. My house – there are many people in this world who have no place to live. Thank you Jesus for my home!

9. Food – we always have plenty to eat at our house. Many people don't– even people you may know. Thank you Jesus for my food!

8. Pioneers, Sunday School and Bible Class – All of these have given me countless opportunities to learn about Jesus and to spread the good news of His love. Thank you Jesus for those opportunities!

7. Health – I am thankful that I am blessed with good health. Many people are dealing with a serious illness, either themselves or within their family. Thank you Jesus for my health!

6. My country – I am thankful that I live in a country where I enjoy great freedom. In some countries you can be put in prison, or even put to death, for telling others about Jesus. Thank you Jesus for my country!

5. My church and pastor – I am thankful for a faithful pastor and a loving congregation. Thank you Jesus for my church family!

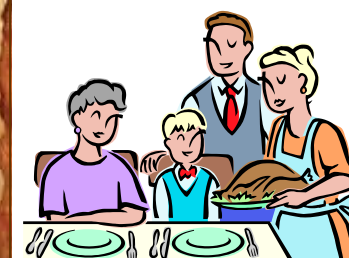
4. Friends – I am thankful for my many friends. In times of trouble, I have friends who are there to help me. Thank you Jesus for my friends!

3. Family – I am thankful for my family– what would I be without them? Thank you Jesus for my family!

2. Parents – I am thankful that God blessed me with wonderful parents who loved me, cared for me, and taught me about Jesus and His love. Thank you Jesus for my parents!

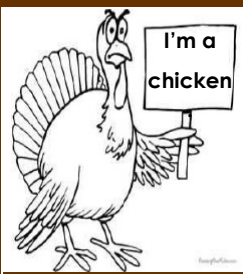
1. Jesus – Jesus is number one on the list of things for which I am thankful. No one ever loved me like Jesus. He loved me so much that He was willing to die on a cross so that I can have everlasting life. Thank you, Jesus!

This is my top ten list; I have been given much. The Bible says that God blesses us and gives us much so that we may show our thanks by sharing it with others. I hope that this Thanksgiving, we will share what God has given us with those who do not have as much as we do.



What is on your Thanksgiving Top Ten List? Write it down. Thank Jesus for all you have!





In November, turkeys everywhere are wishing they were chickens.



Is life making you more sad than grateful?



Always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, ALWAYS GIVING THANKS to God the Father FOR EVERYTHING, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
Ephesians 5:19,20

THANKS FOR NOTHING

In November turkeys everywhere are wishing they were chickens. How many people wish they were somebody else? Perhaps some of you reading this devotion are wishing you were somebody else too. As we look around at our lives, we may not feel there is all that much to get excited about. Most likely we will have a Thanksgiving gathering with family and/or friends in a few weeks. We'll probably enjoy a great meal, play games or do something outdoors. But what should we be thankful for?

Sickness, struggles in school, sadness at home or maybe a loved one who is a soldier in Afghanistan and absent from the family are leaving you a little or lot ungrateful. These things and much more are part of the complicated lives we lead. They force us to go on a trip that seems to offer more detours than delights. If we catch ourselves thinking we have little (or nothing) to be thankful for, it's time we take inventory. We could compare ourselves to prisoners, those confined to bed in a nursing home or victims of abuse or crime. Then we might be grateful for what we do not have. I suggest we focus on the positives in our lives versus the lack of negatives. We could try a simple exercise to see some of the many, everyday blessings we already have. As we say each letter of the alphabet, we can think about something(s) God lovingly provides.

A is for America, angels, apples, ankles, animals...
B is for Bible, books, bed, butterflies, balls...
C is for Christmas/Christ, college, cake, cars, cardinals...and so on.

We'll probably find, as others have, that each letter easily suggest more than one or two items or people, or situations in life. So by the time you finish this exercise (and I hope you will) and share it with family and friends, you will realize how many blessings we all enjoy. Our Savior God provides so much for us forgiven sinners, we just have to sit down and count sometimes to better appreciate his goodness in our lives. And that is what our Thanksgiving celebration is really all about. Another Thanksgiving Day this month and our thoughtful, prayerful inventory will not solve all our hurts and problems. It takes something more powerful, more promising. The sole solution to life's challenges, to life's struggles is found and reported to us on the pages of God's Love Letter, the Bible. Our dear Lord and Savior Jesus is more powerful and promising than any problem or pain at any point in our lives. He offers perfect peace for people like you or me. Check out God's Love Letter each day with family and friends. Investigate God's choicest blessings showered upon our lives, our community, our church. Through him, dear friends, we can ALWAYS GIVE THANKS...FOR EVERYTHING!!

Pastor Norris Baumann

Pastor Baumann is one of the two pastoral advisors for the Lutheran Girl Pioneers. This devotion is reprinted from the November 2012 edition of "The Prairie Schooner News", the monthly publication for the girls in Lutheran Girl Pioneers.

A Short Story

I Need More MONEY!



Someone once asked John D. Rockefeller, "How much money is enough?" "Just a little more," he answered. At the time, he was one of the wealthiest men in the world.

Those who've heard that story and Rockefeller's answer, usually divide into two groups: they either think of him as a greedy miser ("He's got more money than he knows what to do with!") or an honest pragmatist ("Hey, he's just telling the truth—even if you're rich, a little more is always nice."). Don't we all occasionally find ourselves thinking, "I need more money"?

There's nothing wrong with financial security, but how much is enough? If you're pricing a vacation home in Florida and feel frustrated that you don't have enough to buy a Ferrari too, that's one thing. If you lost your job and can't pay the bills, and it's getting tough to put food on the table, that's something else.

This is a complicated issue. It's not easy to properly distinguish between real needs and selfish greed. Do you really need more money? Maybe. Maybe not. When it comes to finances, the best advice comes from Jesus Christ. Our Savior once said, *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"* (Matthew 6:19-21).

According to Jesus, a lot of folks expend an enormous amount of time and energy in pursuit of earthly treasure and financial security, but for what? In the end, if a bad economy, a poor decision, or unforeseen disaster doesn't claim it, time certainly will—you can't take it with you.

That makes heaven the only worthwhile investment. And here's the great news: Jesus lived, died, and rose again to provide all the heavenly treasure for you. Peace with God—now and forever—that's what he freely gives.

Put your trust in Jesus and find in him real treasure and eternal security. What more do you need? Besides, Christians know that the Lord will always provide. We've got his Word on that: *"Do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well"* (Matthew 6:31-33).

Do you really need more money? You don't need to answer that question. Put your trust in Christ—seek first his kingdom and his righteousness—and let him answer that one for you.



I will praise God's name in song
and glorify Him with thanksgiving.

Psalm 69:30





Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary 150th Anniversary Festival November 17, 2013 3 pm and 7 pm

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary has been preparing pastors for the worldwide mission of WELS since 1863. WELS President Mark Schroeder will preach and the Seminary Chorus will be joined by the choirs of Martin Luther College, Michigan Lutheran Seminary, and Luther Preparatory School. President Wendland will be the presiding minister and the presidents of the other ministerial education schools will read the Scripture lessons. Pastor Bryan Gerlach, chairman of the WELS Commission on Worship, will be our guest organist. The 3 p.m. (central) worship service will be live streamed <http://www.livestream.com/welslive>.

For more information on our anniversary events, and other news on campus, please read our updates:

History of the seminary available: <http://www.wls.wels.net/seminary/history-seminary-available>

Jars of Clay: The History of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (1863-2013)

WELS Historical Institute to host presentations on the seminary: <http://www.wls.wels.net/seminary/wels-historical-institute-host-presentations-seminary>

To celebrate Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary's 150th anniversary, the WELS Historical Institute is hosting a series of free, one-hour presentations.

Anniversary Thank Offering established: <http://www.wls.wels.net/seminary/anniversary-thank-offering-established>

As part of the seminary's 150th anniversary, a thank offering has been established.

Rare Luther pamphlet donated to the seminary:

<http://www.wls.wels.net/seminary/rare-luther-pamphlet-donated-seminary>

Pastors Joel Luetke and Richard Tuttle donated a true first printing of *Adversus execrabilem Antichristi bullam* to the seminary on Sept. 15.

Health Project Coordinator Needed in Mexico

Recently, Jason Paltzer, Director of Kingdom Workers Lutheran Health Alliance (LHA), conducted a health assessment in Mahahual, Mexico. The Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELC) of Mexico, which is in fellowship with WELS, has a mission there.

Based on Mr. Paltzer's assessment, LHA is looking for a **Project Coordinator for the "Healthy Families of Mahahual"** project, which aims to improve the existing health conditions within an area of Mahahual called Kilometer 55 (KM 55). KM 55 is a low economic area with limited health resources, poor sanitation and water quality. The project coordinator, along with the local pastor, will collaborate with community leaders and families to create healthier families and to build relationships as a bridge to the gospel. This project coordinator opportunity is for six months to one year, beginning in February 2014.

Are you interested in serving as the "Healthy Families" Project Coordinator in Mexico or know someone who is? Contact Laura Harstad at lhardstad@kingdomworkers.com or 262-955-4643. Learn more about the Lutheran Health Alliance and this volunteer opportunity at: <http://www.kingdomworkers.com/international-mission/international-public-health-ministry/>.

Church News

Pioneers News

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated to, and worked the Pioneers Chili Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, October 19.

Your Lutheran Pioneers sure have been busy! We picked a mission this year and we will be supporting the orphanages in Haiti that work closely with our WELS missionary Pastor Terry Schultz. We made flannelboard pieces that will be used to help teach Bible stories. We are also collecting an offering that will be sent to Pastor Schultz so he'll be able to buy things the orphanages need.

Our 2nd Annual Christmas Dinner Food & Mitten Drive begins Sunday, October 27 and lasts until November 24. If you, or anyone you know, is in need of food this holiday season, please see Pastor or Christine Bohn. The mittens will be donated to the Waushara Christmas Project. See page four for more information.

Advent by Candlelight is coming soon! Reserve your spot today, as tables fill fast! Invite a friend and enjoy the afternoon with yummy desserts and God's Word on Sunday, December 1 at 1 pm.

It's not too late to join the Pioneers! If you know any child, kindergarten and up, that would benefit from Pioneers, please encourage them to come! You do not have to be a member of Peace to join the Pioneers.

Thank you all for your continued support of this ministry. Your Pioneer Leaders,
Pastor & Beth Riedel
Ahnsharee Klusmeyer
Kevin & Christine Bohn

Mornings With Mommy

Be sure to join us for Mornings with Mommy on Monday, November 4 and Monday, November 18 at 10 am.

Can't make it to a regular Monday session? Come to a SPECIAL Saturday Mornings with Mommy session on Saturday, November 16 at 10 am. Your older children are welcome at this session as well- special activities just for them are planned!

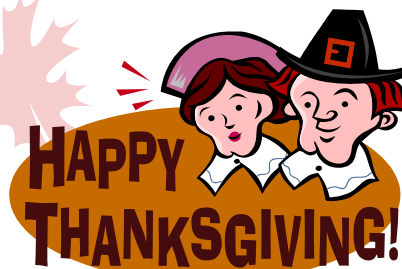
Register at www.wautomapeacelutheran.org.

Peace Lutheran Church Offerings September

General Fund	\$13631.41
Gift-Pastor	\$25.00
Gift- Other	\$25.00
Reimbursements	
Funeral	\$498.00
Envelopes	\$5.00
Library Conf.	\$59.79
LWMS Dues or Mission	\$287.00
Thrivent Choice	\$25.00
Funds	
Library	\$45.00
Mornings w Mommy	\$150.00
VBS	\$200.00
September total	\$14951.76

October 6-21

General Fund	\$10690.47
Gift- Reformation	\$100.00
Reimbursements	
Funeral	\$402.65
LWMS Dues or Missions	\$70.00
Insurance Credit	\$172.00
Funds	
Choir	\$200.00
Roof	\$155.00
Mornings w Mommy	\$50.00
October 6-21 total	\$11840.12





COME TO THE

Harvest Party



Friday, November 1, 2013

The fun begins at 5 pm with dinner and fellowship.

Win a cake on our super fun cake walk!
Answer trivia questions and see if you are smarter than a confirmation student!
Play fun games and make fall crafts!

Fun for all ages!



Church News

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 donated to the local food pantry or the Waushara County Christmas Project.

This year's drive is sponsored by the Boy & Girl Pioneers.

2014 Women's Retreat



Ladies, please join us for the 14th Pathways to Christ Retreat on March 14-16 at Hawthorn Inn, Oshkosh. The 2014 theme is "How God Balances the Truths of the Bible". We are pleased to have as our keynote speaker, Prof. Daniel Deutschlander, who will be sharing insight on his book "The Narrow Lutheran Middle" on Saturday. On Friday night we will be having an interactive Bible Study on "Rebuilding Relationships". Additional information along with registration forms can be downloaded from our website:

www.pathways.martinlutheroshkosh.com.

If you don't have internet access, your church office can provide you with a brochure.

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

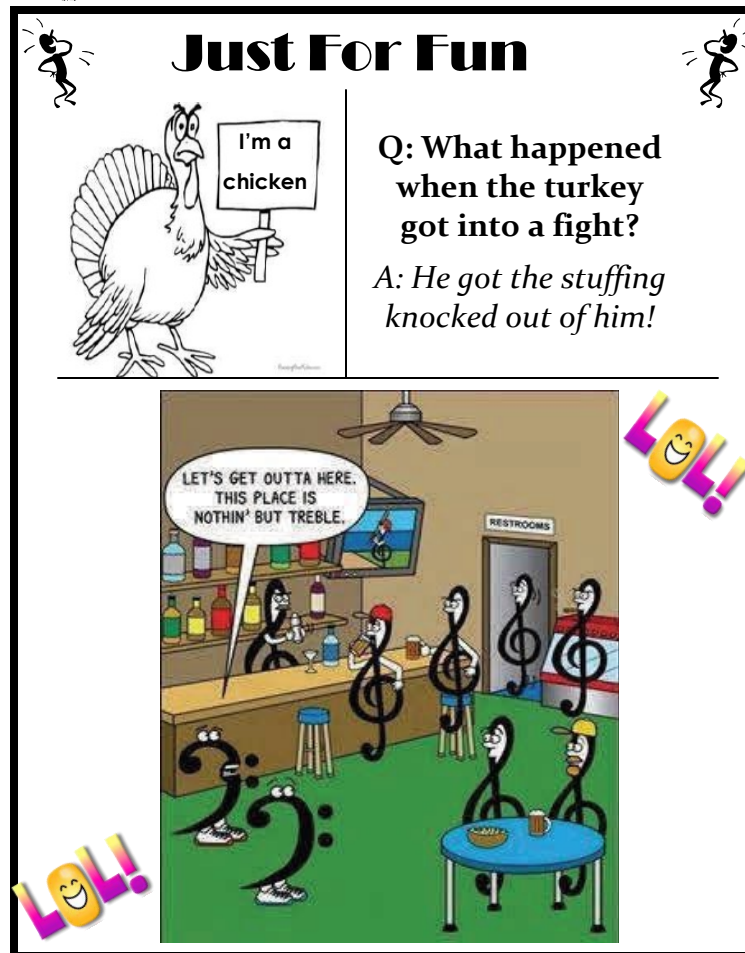
Join us for a very special afternoon of
God's Word, music, dessert,
& fellowship.

*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



Recipe Corner

Pilgrim Hat Cookies



Here's a treat that you can easily make
with your children or grandchildren!

Ingredients:

- 24 chocolate-striped shortbread cookies
- 12-ounce package of chocolate chips
- 24 marshmallows
- tube of yellow decorators' frosting

Instructions

1. Set the chocolate-striped cookies stripes down on a wax-paper-covered tray, chocolate side up.
2. Melt the chocolate chips in a microwave, stirring every 10 seconds until melted.
3. One at a time, stick a toothpick into a marshmallow, dip the marshmallow into the melted chocolate, and center it atop a cookie.
4. Using a second toothpick to lightly hold down the marshmallow, carefully pull out the first toothpick.
5. Chill the hats until the chocolate sets, then pipe a yellow frosting buckle on the front of each hat.

Makes 24 cookies.



Birthdays

- 11/1 Zachary Kubasta
- 11/5 Phyllis Kimpel
Scott Hill
- 11/6 Darlene Travers
Greg Hintz
- 11/7 Mary McKay
Erin Jones
- 11/8 Don Schnabl
Del Meyer
- 11/13 Rachel Riedel
- 11/17 Rose Hobbs
- 11/18 Karen Subbert
Emma Hetcher
- 11/19 Anita Mischka
Herb Vogel
- 11/20 Jim Schroeder
Sebastian Hill
- 11/22 Sharon Westphal



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.

