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



All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother & child.  
Holy infant, so tender & mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,

*Sleep in heavenly peace.*



# Messenger of Peace

December 2013



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**Mornings With Mommy**  
Be sure to join us for  
Mornings with Mommy  
on Monday, December 2 &  
Monday, December 16  
at 10 am.  
Register at  
[www.wautomapeacelutheran.org](http://www.wautomapeacelutheran.org).

The angel said to her,  
“Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found  
favor with God. You will be with child  
and give birth to a son, and you are to  
give him the name Jesus.”



## Advent & Christmas Schedule

**Wednesday, November 26**

Thanksgiving Worship 7 pm

*No Worship on Thursday, November 27.*

*Church office will be open 11/25 & 11/26 8 am– 5pm and will be closed 11/27-12/2.*

**Saturdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, & Dec. 21**

Sunday School Christmas Service Rehearsal 9-11:30 am

**Sunday, December 1**

Advent By Candlelight 1 pm

*An Advent event for the women of Peace and their friends.*

**Thursdays, Dec. 5, Dec. 12, & Dec. 19**

Midweek Advent Dinner 5-6:30 pm

*All families are invited to join us for dinner & fellowship prior to worship.*

Midweek Advent Worship 7 pm

**Saturday, December 7**

Christmas for Kids 11:30 am

*All kids ages 4K-8th grade are invited to join us for this FREE event. See page 3 for more information.*

**Sunday, December 15**

Choir Concert 9 am

*See an encore performance at Trinity, Redgranite on Monday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 pm*

Christmas Caroling 11:30 am

*Everyone is invited to join the JAM Session and the Pioneers for a light lunch at 11:30 am and to go out caroling. We will visit area nursing homes and our shut-ins.*

**Sunday, December 22**

Sunday School Christmas Service 9 am

*Church office will be closed Monday, December 23– Wednesday, January 1.*

**Tuesday, December 24**

Christmas Eve Worship 7 pm

**Wednesday, December 25**

Christmas Worship 9 am

**Tuesday, December 31**

New Year's Eve Worship 7 pm







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Let's ready our hearts for Jesus and spend time in God's house worshipping our Lord.

## Isaiah's Christmas

Christians can hardly celebrate Christmas without at least one mention of the prophet Isaiah. The "Gospel Prophet" included many passages in his scrolls which point the reader to the promised Messiah. Reference after reference direct our attention not only to the announcement of the Savior's birth, but also to His characteristics and especially to His work of redeeming sinful souls with His bloody sacrifice.

This Advent season we prepare our hearts to celebrate again the fact of God's love for sinners, in sending His Son to rescue us from a much-deserved eternity in hell. Each Sunday and Thursday worship opportunity in December, we will remember the events leading up to Jesus' birth through the binoculars of the prophet Isaiah.

He was looking forward to the coming redemption. He awaited eagerly the fulfillment of the Lord's salvation. Isaiah was celebrating Christmas 700 years before the precious Christ-child was born in Bethlehem's manger.

Isaiah's Christmas preparation equips us to put aside the distractions and busyness of the season so that we can have a little "quiet time" in God's Word. Please join us on Sundays at 9:00 am and Thursdays at 7:00 pm in Advent. Let's ready our hearts for Jesus and spend some valuable time in God's house worshipping our loving Lord.

**Sunday, December 1** 9 am

Isaiah 7:14 *"Isaiah's Christmas Advertisement"*  
"The virgin will be with child..."

**Thursday, December 5** 7 pm

Isaiah 11:1 *"Isaiah's Christmas Tree"*  
"A shoot will come up..."

**Sunday, December 8** 9 am

Isaiah 40:1 *"Isaiah's Christmas Comfort"*  
"...comfort my people..."

**Thursday, December 12** 7 pm

Isaiah 9:6 *"Isaiah's Christmas Present"*  
"For to us a child is born..."

**Sunday, December 15** 9 am

Christmas Choir Concert

**Monday, December 16** 6:30pm at Trinity, Redgranite

Christmas Choir Concert

**Thursday, December 19** 7 pm

Isaiah 60:1-2 *"Isaiah's Christmas Light"*  
"Arise, shine..."

**Sunday, December 22** 9 am

*"Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come!"* Christmas Service by the Children of Peace

**Tuesday, December 24** 7 pm

Christmas Eve *"Isaiah's Christmas"*

**Wednesday, December 25** 9 am

Christmas Day

**Sunday, December 29** 9 am

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas



## A Short Story

### I Need More JOY!



After hastily opening the wrapped package and making the obligatory thank yous, it certainly didn't take long to turn away from the thoughtful gift as something ho hum.

Just then three year old Eleanor came along and stopping by the discarded item exclaimed, "Oh, my, what a beautiful gift! Is that yours? You must be so happy!" As she walked away I thought to myself, "Why don't I have the joy of that little girl?"

At times we have those feelings which cause us to cry out, *"I need more joy in my life!"* That

is so often true at this time of year when for one reason or another we find ourselves lacking joy. There are indications everywhere that joy should fill our lives. Decorations are going up inside and outside. Christmas music surrounds us and cards are arriving daily.

Some days the festive joy fills our hearts as we excitedly go about our holiday shopping and schedule planning. But yet deep down we know that this joy will not last. Planning becomes overwhelming, schedules start falling apart and decorating gets tiresome. Above all, we know from experience, there will be no joy when we find we don't have enough money to purchase the perfect gift or when credit card payments come due. All of this leads us to shout out, *"I need more joy! I need joy that will last!"*

Here's some great news. Christmas brings us joy that does last—the true joy found in Jesus.

With a love that we cannot comprehend, our heavenly Father gave his only Son, born to be our Savior. With perfect obedience Jesus lived the life all of us are unable to live. Each and every evil thought, evil word and evil deed we have done has been picked from us by our heavenly Father and placed on Jesus. On Calvary's cross, Jesus bowed his head in death declaring, *"It is finished."* These words of Jesus bring us true joy. They mean that all is done and Easter's announcement *"He Is Risen!"* guarantees that God our Father has accepted Jesus' life and death as payment in full for all our sins. True joy is the forgiveness of sins that is ours through faith in Jesus.

While we are in the midst of the season when it seems hard to keep joy in our lives, focus on the true Joy Giver. Ponder again the words of the angels to the shepherds, *"Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born. He is Christ the Lord."*

**Come and worship the Babe born in Bethlehem,  
and may God the Holy Spirit fill you with a joy that never ends.**



## Prepare for His Coming!

Take heart in the arrival God's promised Messiah and the hope for his glorious return with 28 devotions, beginning November 28, based on the text of John's Revelation.

*Behold I Am Coming Soon! Advent Devotions on the Book of Revelation* by Bruce A. McKenney, Jonathan P. Meyer, and James E. Rath is available from Northwestern Publishing House (the publishing house of the WELS) for only \$10.99 (item #BU0600742). Order your copy today at [www.nph.net](http://www.nph.net) or call 1-800-662-6022.

Northwestern Publishing House  
 1250 N113th St, Milwaukee, WI 53226-3284



So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in a manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

## SALE! SALE! SALE!

Join us at our sensational, **two-day After Thanksgiving Event** at NPH Christian Books and Gift, 1250 N113th St, Milwaukee. With extended hours, a complimentary "Rise and Shine Breakfast" and special discounts, this sale is the ideal time for you to shop and save on Christ-centered books and gifts.

**Friday & Saturday, November 29-30**

**Hours: 8 am– 6 pm**

*Breakfast on Friday ONLY, served until 11 am*

**Save 20% off your entire purchase!**

## Seminary Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas Concert hosted by Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon will be held on Sunday, December 8, at 3 and 7 p.m. in the seminary auditorium. The 50-voice Seminary Chorus will present anthems and hymns accompanied by organ, piano, and instruments.

For more information about the concert, go to the seminary's website, [www.wls.wels.net](http://www.wls.wels.net).

## New Friends

*New Friends*, a Christian-based friendship network that is part of *Jesus Cares Ministries*, a ministry of The Lutheran Home Association, brings together teens and college students with families with special needs children to build relationships by focusing on abilities and not disabilities and to create an atmosphere the entire family can enjoy.

The idea of developing *New Friends* on the high school level started with Jackie Mayer, a parent to a child with special needs. Mayer wanted a place where Dylan could go to make new friends, have fun, and simply be himself. She wanted a place where other families in similar situations could support one another.

The door started to open when she joined *Jesus Cares Ministries* as the community relations director in 2011. She gave a presentation at Manitowoc Lutheran High School (MLHS) about what it's like to have a family member with special needs and how the students could help. She asked if any students could set aside one day a month to be friends with kids in the area who needed some time to have fun and be themselves.

Nearly 50 students came to the first *New Friends* day and the program has been thriving since. Following the initial success at MLHS, both Saint Croix Lutheran High School, West St. Paul, Minn., and Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School (KML), Jackson, Wis., have started *New Friends* programs with Mayer's help. Not only are the kids playing together and making new friends, but *New Friends* is also an opportunity to reach out in the community.

Mayer says the Manitowoc program has served 49 families, some without a church home.

Each meeting starts with a message of hope in Jesus.

While Mayer says the kids with special needs love going somewhere where they can be themselves and have fun, the high school student volunteers are taking away as much or more from the program. Miya Preston, a senior at KML, encourages more students to get involved, "God gives you this opportunity to show your faith and love for others in a unique and exciting way, and the benefits are remarkable. You can see the difference it's making in these kids' lives, and along the way, it also makes a difference in your life as well."

To learn more about *Jesus Cares Ministries* and *New Friends*, visit [www.tlha.org](http://www.tlha.org), or contact Jackie Mayer at [jnmayer@tlha.org](mailto:jnmayer@tlha.org).



But Mary treasured up  
 all these things  
 and pondered them in her heart.



## LWMS FALL RALLY

Sat., October 19, 2013

Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Waupaca

*No one is like you, O LORD, you are great, and your name is mighty in power.*

*Jeremiah 10:6*

This was the theme of our Rally. This was the message that our speakers for the day, Dean and Mary Schroeder along with a team of other WELS members, spread in their door-to-door canvassing in Salt Lake City, Utah among mostly Mormon people. The group is known as TILM (Truth in Love to Mormons.) They spoke of their personal experiences as members of a Truth in Love to Mormons canvass team in Utah this past June. It was so uplifting and rewarding to all the members of the canvass team as well as the attendees of the Rally. Approximately 75% of the Plate Offering taken at the Rally was given to TILM for future canvassing next year in Utah.

We want to thank the members of Peace, again, for their generous offerings to LWMS. This money is used to support the non-synod funded project that is voted on by the Wolf River Circuit members as presented by the Board of our Circuit. Currently the project is the Thailand project. A new project will be voted upon at our Spring Rally.

The Spring Rally of the Wolf River Circuit will be held at Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church in Hortonville, WI in April, 2014.

The 2014 Fall Rally of the Wolf River Circuit will be held here at Peace, co-hosted with Trinity, Redgranite. The Rally will likely be held mid-October, 2014.

Respectfully submitted in His Service,  
 Marilyn Chesbrough, *LWMS Reporter for Peace*

**While they were there,  
 the time came for the baby  
 to born and she gave birth  
 to her firstborn, a son.  
 She wrapped him cloths  
 and placed him in a  
 manger, because  
 there was no  
 room for them in the inn.**



## Happy Birthday Jesus!

★ *A Christmas for Kids event* ★

**Saturday, December 7**

**11:30 am– 2:30 pm**



Ages 4K– 8th  
 grade are in-  
 vited to join  
 us for this  
 fun after-  
 noon of  
 games,  
 crafts, and  
 singing.

**Lunch is included and this event is totally FREE! Pre-registration not required! Bring a friend or two!**

*If you would like to help at this fun event, we're looking for kitchen staff, game and craft leaders and clean up staff.*

**Call Christine at 787-3856  
 for more information.**

## Do You Shop at Kwik Trip, Copps, or Diggly Wiggly? Then Scrip is For You!

What is Scrip? Scrip is a program where companies sell you gift cards at face value and give a percentage back to the organization. For example, if you purchase a \$100 Kwik Trip card and they give us 10% back, the organization will be credited \$10, but you still get the full \$100 to use. Each company designates a different percentage for the program. St. John's Lutheran School in Montello sells Scrip and the percentage given back helps to reduce the cost of tuition. If you are interested in finding out how you can take advantage of this program, and help with tuition costs for the students that go to Montello from our church at the same time, please see Ahnsharee Klusmeyer (920-539-3560).





# Church News

## Yes I Love Jesus, but You Want Me to do What?!

Jesus gave all believers a mission before he ascended into heaven. “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20) In short, we are to let others know about the great things that God has done for us. This is our “special task” from our Lord and Savior. He entrusted us each with this special task and expects that we will do it for Him. How can we accomplish this task? One word: evangelism.

We love God and we are thankful that he sent his Son for us, but the word *evangelism* can be intimidating. When you hear it, you may think it means going door to door and telling people they are sinners and that you believe in Jesus’ death and resurrection. While this is a wonderful way to spread the message, let’s face it, not all of us are comfortable doing that. We may feel inadequate for that kind of task, but that doesn’t mean that we are not fulfilling his mission in other ways. The Lord gives each and every one of us different gifts, and participating in this scenario may or may not be one of your gifts. You may not stand in the middle of the town declaring that God sent his Son to die for all people, but there are many ways that you can still share your faith and let others see it. I believe that many of us do these things already and do not always realize that, through them, we are showing our faith.

For any kind of mission, one must first prepare themselves. Before a race, people will do strength and endurance training. Before a meeting for work or school, there must be some sort of preparation. How should we train and prepare to be a light shining for Jesus? We should study, study, study. Dive into God’s Word. Read it and re-read it. (1 Peter 3:15) The Gospel message is powerful and uplifting. God’s Word creates a joy in our hearts. This kind of joy cannot help but be shown in our words and actions. Holding this kind of joy into ourselves should be impossible. We want God’s love to pour forth through us and onto others.

We may do this simply by being kind to others, helping them when you see a need, whether at the grocery store, clinic, or at church. We may have so much joy that we cannot stop smiling, which will cause people to wonder how you can be happy all the time when all around us, life seems to be getting worse every day. You can invite a friend or family member to church with you either for a worship service or for special events. We simply need to review the Scriptures and let that joy burst forth from our hearts.

### Mission assignments for this month:

1. Find a time to study the Scriptures just a little more each week. Perhaps attend a Bible class, dig deeper into what you are currently studying, or pick a book of the Bible you haven’t read in a while and work on reading it this month.
2. Invite a friend or family member to come to a church event with you. December is a great time for that. There are a number of special worship services coming up between the choir concert, the children’s worship service, and worship services for Christmas and New Year’s. You could even do this by sending them an invitation in the mail. Everyone loves to get mail!

In everything you do, remember that you are a loved and redeemed child of God. The joy that fills your heart that your sins are no more should be shared with others. (1 Thessalonians 1:6-7) Help to put a smile on their faces and praise on their lips.



The angel said to them,  
“Do not be afraid.  
I bring you good news of great joy that will be for  
all the people. Today in the town of David  
a Savior has been born to you;  
He is Christ the Lord.”

## To our church family,

Tom and I would like to thank each and everyone of you who has kept us in your prayers these past several months. It has been a rough road and progress has been slow. I’ve finally begun physical therapy . . . OUCH! An additional “thank you” to those who have called, sent card of encouragement, stopped to visit or brought food. Each act of kindness has been truly appreciated. We are very blessed to be a member of this church family.  
Pastor Tom and Nancy Klusmeyer



# News About Our Church Family

## Welcome to Our New Members!

**Bob & Nancy Lang**  
N2329 Father Ed Bier Drive  
Wautoma, WI 54982-7265

**Marty Kujath**  
N3892 Greenwood Rd  
Hancock, WI 54943  
262-955-5581



Yield: 2 dozen

### Ingredients:

- 1 package Pillsbury® Big Deluxe® refrigerated oatmeal raisin cookies
- 1/2 cup Pillsbury® Coconut Pecan Frosting
- 1/2 cup quick-cooking or old-fashioned oats
- 1/4 cup flaxseed

- 1 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped
- 2 tablespoons sweetened dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup unsweetened shredded coconut

### Steps:

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Spray large cookie sheets with non-stick cooking spray. Let cookie dough stand at room temperature 10 minutes to soften.
2. In large bowl, place all ingredients. Beat with electric mixer on medium speed until well mixed. Drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart on cookie sheets.
3. Bake 12-16 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Cool completely on sheets, about 20 minutes.

[www.pillsbury.com/recipes](http://www.pillsbury.com/recipes)



## Birthdays

- 12/5 Kenneth Doubek
- 12/8 Joe Siegel
- 12/11 Neal Roebke
- 12/12 Pastor Russell Kloehn
- 12/13 Beth Riedel  
Karen Klamm  
Sandra Klamm
- 12/14 Andrew Jones
- 12/15 Samantha Hill
- 12/18 Delores Bliske  
Mindy Hintz  
Grant Klusmeyer
- 12/19 Jim Lichtenberg
- 12/23 Phyllis Schmidt  
Everett Schulz  
Tom Jones
- 12/24 Christine Anderson  
Dawn Wedell  
Karin Hetcher
- 12/25 Jesus Christ  
Christine Bohn
- 12/26 Gene Wedde
- 12/27 Russ Nero  
Mackenzie Sigourney
- 12/28 Jim Mosier
- 12/29 Joyce Wilcox  
Roger Bartel

## Anniversaries

- 12/15 Kenneth & Ardell Schwersenska (57)
- 12/30 Rod & Judy Nelson (56)



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).

## Peace Lutheran Church Offerings

October 27	\$3024.00
November 3-17	\$11649.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14673.97</b>