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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.



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March 2014

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Church Library Hours

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

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

PASSOVER SEDER DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 AT 5:30 PM

EVER WONDER WHAT JESUS' LAST SUPPER MAY HAVE LOOKED LIKE OR WHAT HE MAY HAVE EATEN? JOIN US FOR THIS INFORMATIVE AND EXCITING NIGHT AS WE DELVE INTO A REAL PASSOVER DINNER.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

AS WE NEED TO PREPARE FOOD AND TABLES. PLEASE RSVP TO CHRISTINE AT 920-787-3856 BY MARCH 16.

THIS EVENT WILL BE LED BY PASTOR JOHN LAWRENZ.



Ladies Group Meeting

Saturday, March 8 9 am



Mornings With Mommy

Be sure to join us for Mornings with Mommy on Monday, March 3 & Monday, March 17 at 10 am.

Register at www.wautomapeacelutheran.org.



Unusual Celebrations

He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

~Romans 4:25

We just baptized another new child of God in church last Sunday. What a cause for celebration!

I just met with a young couple last night who wish to be married. What a cause for celebration!

On the first Sunday of May we will be witnessing the confirmation vows of eleven young people in the front of St. Paul. What a cause for celebration!

As I write, I'm waiting on pins and needles for my son Greg to call and tell us about the birth of our new granddaughter and how his wife Julie is doing. What a cause for celebration!

All of these are wonderful though not unusual causes for celebration, aren't they? Families get together, cards are sent, gifts are given, food is consumed, hugs for all around - plenty of celebration.

I spoke with a pastor recently whose congregation will be observing their 75th anniversary. And then there's the one which had its 125th last year. And our neighbors in Hartford will have their 150th next year. All wonderful - and usual - reasons for celebration.

So when I told someone that St. Paul will be celebrating its 140th year, she actually said to me, "Oh, is that... usual?" What she meant was: it's not the 75th or 150th; it's just... well, only... 140... no big deal to some people.

But to those of us here at St. Paul ... what a wonderful and unusual reason to celebrate the amazing grace of our amazing God! We have EVERY reason to celebrate as we look back on how the Lord has used St. Paul to show and share the sacrificial love of the Savior whose blood has made us the children of God. And God has enabled this congregation of his people to do this for the past 140 years! What a cause for celebration!

Is it unusual? Well, I guess it is to some. But it should surprise no one that Christians tend to celebrate not just at the usual times but at some most unusual times as well. The most unusual of which is when a beloved child of God departs from this life. Saying goodbye to someone so precious to us that it hurts to even think about them being gone ... and then celebrate their departure ... ??? Really????

REALLY!!!! Because when God calls one of his children home, whatever their age, we know they are celebrating life as it was meant to be celebrated. We know that they are celebrating salvation and joy better than they ever did before. And we know they are in the hands of the only One in the whole universe who loves them more than we do ... our Savior, the one who died for them and rose again with the promise that we too shall rise and shall live with him in his Home forever.

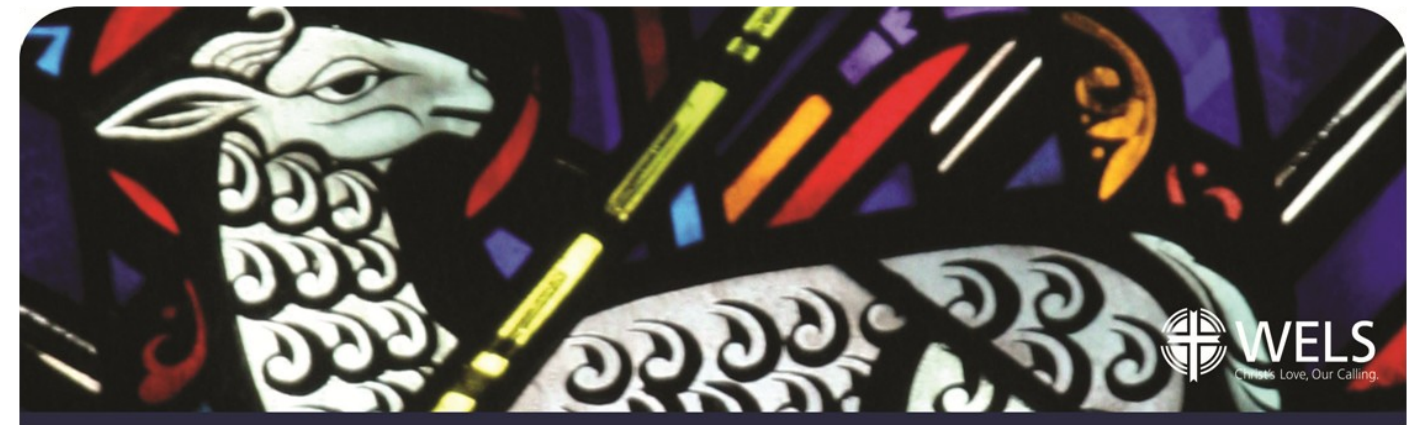
I don't know if you've given much thought to your funeral service; might be the last thing on your mind. But take a moment ... right now ... and consider this: do you want everyone to leave your funeral with an overwhelming sense of loss or with a glorious hope that in Christ they will see you again? Jesus rose and ascended into heaven so that we can celebrate even at the most unusual of times ... because we know the best times are yet to come! Christ lives eternally and so shall we. What a cause for celebration!

Pastor Dave Hein

Pastor David Hein, whom the Lord called to paradise suddenly on Thursday, February 6, suffered a heart attack while driving. This newsletter article that Pastor Hein recently wrote hits home about what death means to a Christian. The following is Pastor Hein's obituary: *Pastor David Lee Hein, Slinger, passed away Thursday, February 6, 2014, at the age of 59 years. He was born on August 26, 1954, to Randolph and Joyce (nee Walters) Hein and baptized into God's family at Mt. Lebanon Lutheran Church in Milwaukee on October 17, 1954. He was confirmed on May 19, 1968. David knew from little on that he wanted to be a shepherd for the Lord, so he attended Northwestern Preparatory School and College in Wauwatosa, WI. There he met Rebecca Hartwig, and they were married on July 16, 1977 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa. David graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in May of 1980, and over the course of thirty-four years in the ministry, he served as a pastor for seven churches and on several committees for the WELS. This does not fully illustrate the number of lives he touched with his love, his laughter, and above all, his faith. David is survived by his wife Rebecca and children Paul (Katherine), Sara (Benjamin) Wink, and Gregory (Julie); grandchildren Carlotta, Peter, Philip, and Evelyn; brothers Michael (Cindy) and Jerry (Kathie); and further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.*



A Short Story



Jesus is the Lamb of God

“Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

John 1:29

In today's urban society, many people don't often come into contact with farm animals. So when the Bible describes Jesus as *“the Lamb of God,”* it's easy to miss the comfort in this unique name for our Savior.

When John the Baptist pointed to Jesus and said, *“Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,”* it would have immediately grabbed the Jews attention. God had commanded the sacrifice of lambs as part of their worship life to teach them that they needed the blood of a substitute to pay for their sins. They couldn't just make that sacrifice once. They had to offer it again and again because it was imperfect blood offered by imperfect people. They sacrificed animals, lambs that could never really take away their sin.

Sometimes we don't understand the full magnitude of our sin. Sin isn't just what we read about in the newspapers. Sin is when parents want the best for their children, but allow other things to become more important. Sin is when spouses want to be loving, but instead put their own needs and desires first. Sin is when teenagers struggle for independence and step over the line of disrespecting their parents and others in authority. Sin is nothing more and nothing less than failing to be the perfect people our perfect God demands of us.

We need the perfect blood of a substitute to take away our sins. Jesus is the only Lamb who could do that because he's the Lamb of God. He's the perfect Lamb who never fell short of God's expectations. He's the Substitute offered on the altar of the cross. His blood fully pays for the sin of the world. And that means he paid for your sin too! He's the Sacrifice that enables you to live life without fear of God's punishment. Jesus is the Lamb who gave you what you could never earn—eternal life and a home with him in heaven.

As we enter Lent this month, our focus is on everything the Lamb has done for us. We invite you to gather with us to thank him who died for us and to sing,

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise.”

(Revelation 5:12)

Registration Now Open!



Registration for the 2014 WELS International Youth Rally is now open. The rally will be held **June 25-28** at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The theme for the 2014 rally will be "No Fear," based on Psalm 27:1 *"The Lord is my light and salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?"*

Highlights for the 2014 Youth Rally include music by Koine, workshops with relevant topics, nightly entertainment, expansive recreational fields, and exciting excursions.

Rev. John Boggs, a member of the planning committee, says, "The Youth Rally is one of the most important things we do as members of WELS. This summer, over 2,000 of God's dearly loved young people and their chaperones will gather for three days of worship, study, sharing, and fun. The rally is truly an experience I wish every young person in our synod could have."

For easy reference, the registration booklet and forms are available online. Registration runs from Feb. 18- May 18. Rally fees are \$350 until March 31 and \$375 April 1 - May 15.

Visit www.wels.net/2014youthrally to register online and for more information.

Lutheran Girl Pioneers National Convention

October 17-18, 2014

Mt. Calvary, La Crosse, WI



Mark your calendars for an exciting event! The Lutheran Girl Pioneers are celebrating our 60th anniversary this year! The National Convention will be held at the church where LGP started! Everyone who is interested in the

Lutheran Girl Pioneers ministry is invited to attend! Registration coming soon!

Every Church a Mission



When the Commission on Congregational Counseling (CCC) was formed, its mission was to help WELS churches adjust and expand their gospel ministry and outreach. One tool developed to reach this goal was called "C13," a comprehensive Advent and Christmas season resource package to help congregations reach out into their communities.

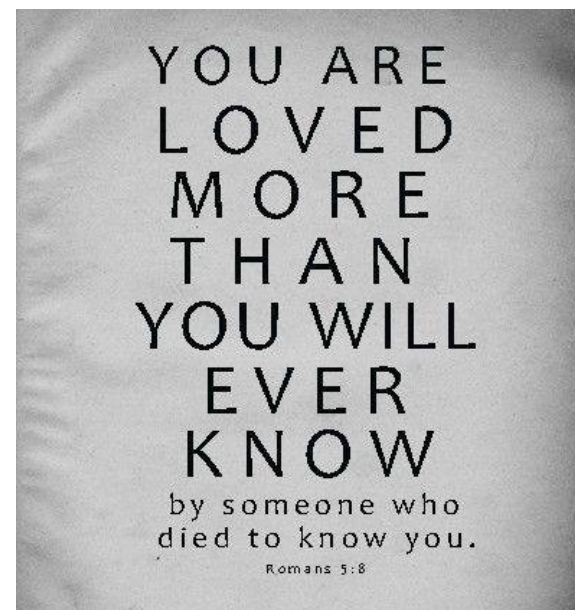
Rev. Jonathan Hein, CCC director, says, "Our goal with C13 was to take the mindset of mission churches to established congregations, inviting the church's community to attend Christmas Eve."

Hein collaborated with the Commissions on Worship, Evangelism, Lutheran Schools, and Special Ministries to produce dozens of resources to help churches with their Christmas planning and ministry. Any WELS member could sign up to get access to these resources that were stored on WELS Connect, WELS intranet for resources.

In total, about 7,000 lay members, pastors, and teachers accessed the resources, such as invitational postcards, worship folder templates, outreach materials, Bible studies, devotions, and leadership and planning materials.

Hein estimates more than one million postcards from the C13 program were sent out during the Christmas season and hopes that the efforts of participating congregations result in more adult confirmations in the synod. "Ultimately, our goal was simply to share the gospel. As a church body, we did that very passionately this Christmas. How wonderful it would be if through those efforts, the Holy Spirit would pull more souls into the church."

Following the popularity of the C13 program, the CCC is preparing materials for the Easter season. *Ed. Note: Our congregation signed up for this resource this past Christmas, used several of the outreach tools provided and we are looking forward to using the new Easter resources that will be released soon.*



Seminars for Christian Service

"Reflect God's Justice & Grace in Christian Service"

March 29, 2014 8 am- 3 pm

Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton

Who May Attend? Anyone may attend!

How Do I Register? Pick up a registration packet off the back table in the fellowship hall.

When is the Deadline for Registering?

All registrations must be postmarked by March 15.

If you'd like to attend, please see Pastor Riedel!

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).

Midweek Lenten Dinners

If you would like to sign up to host a midweek Lenten dinner, please use the sign up sheet on the back table in the fellowship hall.

For more information about midweek dinners, please see Christine in the office or call 920-787-3856.

Easter For Kids

Sunday, April 6, 2014

11:30 am- 3 pm



Ages 4K- 8th grade are invited to join us for this **FREE** event! Walk through Holy Week and discover why Jesus did what he did! Come for crafts, hands-on activities, an Easter egg hunt, and lots of fun! **Lunch is included! Bring a friend!** If you would like to volunteer at super fun event, please Call Christine (920-787-3856).





Can You Help?



Easter for Kids, being held on Sunday, April 6 at 11:30 am, needs your help! We are looking for donations of the following items:

- 150 plastic Easter eggs
- 120 pc of candy -*NOT hardy candy*
- 1 roll clear contact paper
- 75 sheets white cardstock
- 30 brads
- 3 packs washable markers
- 3 packs thin washable markers
- 75 hot dogs
- 75 hot dog buns
- 5 large bags of potato chips
- baby carrots & dip
- 3# grapes
- 2 gallons milk/chocolate milk
- 75 sugar cookies

Please let Christine in the office (920-787-3856) know what you're donating!

Peace Lutheran Church Offerings

As of February 15, 2014

General Fund:	\$30,079
Budget:	\$22,200
Special Offerings:	
Montello Tuition	\$1675
Goal:	\$2600
Roof Project	\$3120
Goal:	\$20,000
Parking Lot	\$200
Goal:	\$7500
Storage Bldg	\$7185
Goal:	\$10,000



Lent/ Easter Schedule



Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, March 5

Worship 12 pm & 7 pm
Same service at both times

Midweek Lenten Services

Thursdays, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, & 10

Dinner & fellowship 5-6:30 pm

Please see the back table in the fellowship hall to sign up for serving a dinner.

Worship 7 pm

Passover Seder Dinner

Saturday, March 22 at 5:30 pm

Ever wonder what Jesus' last supper may have looked like or what He may have eaten? Join us for this informative and exciting night as we delve into a real Passover dinner.

Reservations are required as we need to prepare food and tables. Please RSVP to Christine at 920-787-3856 by March 16.

This event will be led by Pastor John Lawrenz.

Easter for Kids

Sunday, April 6 11:30 am- 3 pm

Children, ages 4 and up, are invited to this fun afternoon, filled with crafts, games, and discovering the true meaning of Easter! Lunch is included.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 13

Worship 9 am

The Biggest Fish Story Ever Told! 2 pm
All the men of the congregation are invited to join us for this men's-only event, hosted by the Lutheran Boy Pioneers.

Maundy Thursday, Thursday, April 17

Worship 12 pm & 7 pm
Same service at both times

Good Friday, Friday, April 18

Worship 12 pm
Tenebre 7 pm

Easter Sunday, Sunday, April 20

Sunrise Worship 7 am
Easter Breakfast 8 am

Hosted by the Lutheran Pioneers and the JAM Session
Song Service 9 am



Become a Hospice Volunteer

Volunteers play a crucial role in hospice services by supporting patients and families in direct patient care, companionship, bereavement care, spiritual care, administrative work and more!

Hospice Hope provides extensive training to equip volunteers for the varied services.

If you have a desire to help others, the willingness to share your time and talents, want to grow personally, and give something back to your community, please consider being an Agnesian HeathCare Hospice Hope volunteer.

Application deadline is Thursday, March 10.

Please contact Kristi Sullivan, volunteer coordinator at Hospice Hope, at 920-924-4662 or sullivank@agnesian.com for more information.



Recipe Corner: Spinach Hummus Guacamole



Ingredients:

- 3 ripe avocados
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cup chopped baby spinach
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/4 cup chopped red onion
- 4 Tbl prepared hummus
- 1 tsp oil (flax, canola or olive)
- 1 tsp ground flax seeds (if you don't have it, leave it out)
- 1/4 tsp chili powder
- Juice of one lemon
- 1/4 tsp each of sea salt and pepper

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients using the back of a fork.

Transfer to a serving bowl.

Enjoy with raw veggies, crackers, or pita.

Fun Avocado Facts:

- Avocados are a fruit.
- You can speed the ripening of an avocado by placing it in a brown paper bag.
- Contrary to popular belief, storing the seed in guacamole will do nothing to prevent it from turning brown (add citrus juice to slow the "browning").



Birthdays

- 3/1 Victoria Hill
- 3/7 Marie Kasper
Rebecca Bohn
- 3/8 LeRoy Wangerin
- 3/9 Joyce Woodruff
- 3/11 TJ Klusmeyer
- 3/12 Jackie Tesch
- 3/13 Virginia Vogel
Jean Bartel
- 3/14 Michelle Klapoetke
- 3/15 Clifford Bliske
- 3/16 Judy Nelson
- 3/18 Sara Siegel
Joey Riedel
- 3/19 Violet Wangerin
- 3/22 Susan Riedel
- 3/23 Megan Kubasta
Kevin Bohn
- 3/25 Margaret Walker
Phyllis Dassow
- 3/26 Dorothy Sullivan
- 3/27 Verna Bursack

Anniversaries

- 3/3 Russell & Mary Ann Nero (41)
- 3/19 Joel & Rachel Hansen (8)



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.

