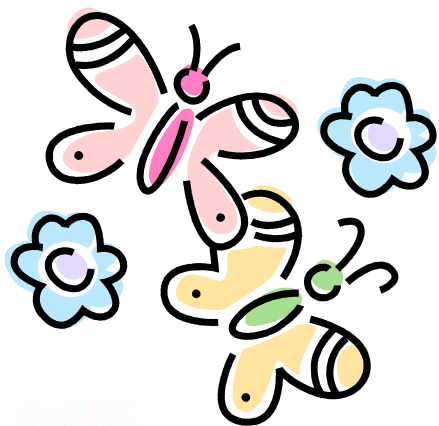




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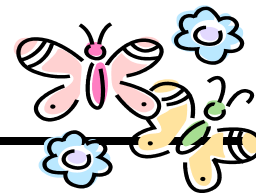
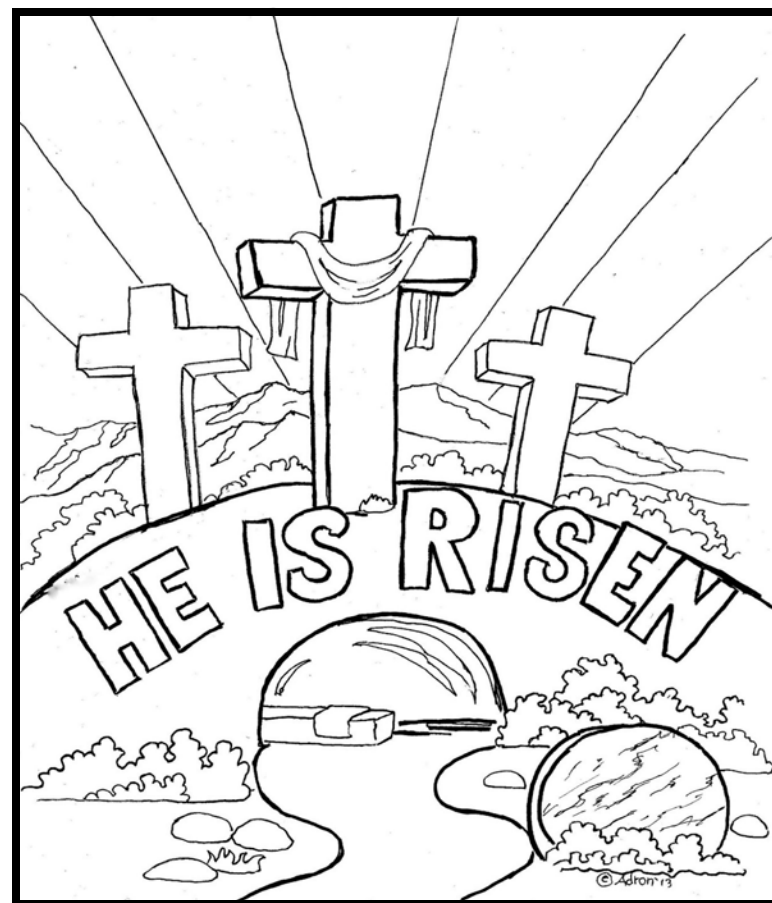
**Worship** every Sunday @ 9 am  
 every Thursday @ 7 pm  
**Sunday School** every Sunday @ 10:15 am  
**Bible Study** Sundays @ 10:30 am  
 Tuesdays @ 9 am  
 Thursdays @ 9 am & 7:45 pm  
**Choir** every Wednesday @ 7 pm  
**PeaceMakers** 2nd & 4th Wed. @ 1 pm  
**Confirmation** Level 1 Mondays @ 6 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)



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*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.

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**Mornings With Mommy**

Be sure to join us for Mornings with Mommy on Monday, April 7 & Monday, March 21 at 10 am. Register at [www.wautomapeacelutheran.org](http://www.wautomapeacelutheran.org).

**Circle of Peace Ladies Group**  
 Saturday, April 12 9 am

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



## 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).

Jesus sent two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and He sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!  
 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!  
 Hosanna in the highest!"



## Easter is All About You!

“Because I live, you also will live.” -John 14:19

“Happy Holidays!” Sound out of place in April? It doesn’t have to.  
This month marks arguably the most important holiday of the year....Easter. Why?

Because Easter is ALL ABOUT YOU!

But isn’t Easter about Jesus, God’s Son?

Yes, Easter is not so much about colored eggs, candy, baskets and bunny rabbits, or about a new spring outfit or vacation time. It’s about Jesus.

But Easter is also about you!

At Easter we celebrate the FACT that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. We confess it each week in church. Every Sunday we remember it. This miraculous event we confess as believers is certainly reason for celebration, especially since Jesus had to suffer so much and have his life cut so short. But Easter is much more than knowing the significance of Easter, it is a matter of life and death!

You see, Jesus could have chosen not to die. He had the power to stop his murderers. He said, “**No one takes it (my life) from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again**” (John 10:18). Jesus had the power to walk away, unharmed from his captors. He had the power to walk away from his cross and from all who cried out “*Crucify him!*” He had the power to leave this sin-ravaged earth and go back to heaven where he came from. But Jesus freely chose to live here as one of us, but he never sinned, not even once. He was determined to suffer and die. Why would anyone leave the eternal bliss of heaven’s glory for that? Because Easter is ALL ABOUT YOU!

He looked down from heaven, saw sinful, hopelessly lost mankind, and chose to love us anyway. We have not loved God perfectly with out whole heart and soul, mind and strength. We have never loved our neighbor perfectly as ourselves. For that, God should have made each of us pay with our lives for our sins against him. Instead he sent his sinless Son who took our sins on himself; Jesus suffered and died in our place. He choose to make such an incredible exchange.

Here’s the best part: he rose from the dead and thus he put death to death once and for all! Because Christ crushed death, Jesus holds out the promise to us that we too shall conquer death! YES, we will still endure the physical experience of death. But just like Jesus, our Beautiful Savior, we too will rise from the dead and through faith in him, join him, all believers and his army of angels in heaven. What great news to have and to pass on to others.

That, my dear friends forever, is how EASTER IS ALL ABOUT YOU. Jesus said it truthfully, clearly and confidently, “**Because I live, you also will live.**” Trusting in him as your true Savior from sin’s cruel curse, Satan’s staggering power and death’s vice-like grip, he assures you that you will rise from the dead, you will live again with your Lord in bliss and glory without end!

Happy Easter! Happy Holidays to all of you! Extend that greeting often to one another in April and especially to your brothers and sisters whenever they are fearful or tearful! After all, Easter is ALL ABOUT YOU AND JESUS, OUR SAVIOR.

Pastor Norris Baumann, Lutheran Girl Pioneers National Pastoral Advisor

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And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood. But behold, the hand of him who betrays Me is with Me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!” And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.



## A Short Story



### Jesus is Redeemer

Job 19:25

“I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that in the end He will stand upon the earth.”

In the Star-Spangled Banner, Americans sing about living in the “land of the free and home of the brave.” But do we always feel free? Aren’t there times when we feel as if “chains” were shackling us? There are the chains of responsibility at work and home, the pains we face or the financial strains that come our way. There are the chains of guilt that press us down as we look back at our past wrongdoings.

This month we celebrate Easter. What is Easter all about? In the Bible Job tells us, “*I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth*” (Job 19:25). Easter celebrates the reality that our Redeemer lives. A redeemer is someone who delivers others out of trouble by paying a great price for their freedom. Jesus, the Son of God, came into this world to be our Redeemer. From what did He redeem us?

The story is told of the devil, Satan, who once met Jesus. Satan had a caged wagon that was crammed full of people. And you were in it. “Who are these people?” Jesus asked. “They are the sinners of the world. I am taking them to hell with me,” Satan replied.

Jesus looked at Satan and said, “I don’t want that. Can I buy these people from you?”

“You don’t know what You are asking. The price is very high. And these people won’t always love You. They will doubt You, complain against You and even curse You at times,” responded Satan.

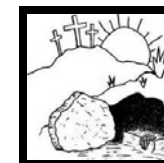
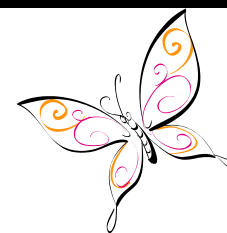
“I don’t care,” said Jesus. “I want to buy them back from you.”

“Okay, but it will cost Your life” Satan said.

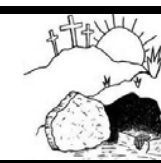
Jesus answered right back, “I’m willing to do that because I love them.”

And that is what Jesus did. He paid for your release, your freedom from sin’s punishment, by dying on the cross for you. He rose from the dead on Easter to prove that His payment was complete and you are freed. “*Because I live, you also will live,*” Jesus says to you (John 14:19). Rely on Jesus your Redeemer. By His blood He bought you for a life of glory in heaven. As your Redeemer He is always present to help as you deal with the “chains” of living in this world.

Trust Him for He loves you.



“He is not here;  
For He is risen, as He said.  
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”



Attention: All Pioneer Leaders, Parents, & Pastors  
**Lutheran Pioneer Convention**  
**Camp Phillip, Wautoma, WI**  
**May 2- 4, 2014**

You don't have to be a delegate or a member to attend, all you need to be is someone who has an interest in Pioneers.

- Our convention this year is a Lutheran Pioneer Family Retreat with fun, fellowship and worship planned for everyone.
- If you are a parent of a boy, **you are invited.**
- If you ever thought about being a Pioneer leader, **you are invited.**
- If you used to be in Pioneers, **you are invited.**
- If you just want to know more about it, **you are invited.**
- If you're involved now at any level in LP, **you are invited.**
- And if you are invited, **your whole family is invited.**

Come be introduced to the NEW Lutheran Pioneers, it's new structure, and program offerings - join us for this important information!

Come hear about **a plan to reduce or even eliminate National Fees** altogether!

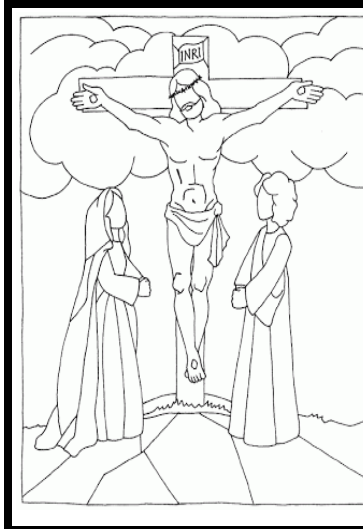
For more information and to sign up, go to the Lutheran Pioneer website at [www.lutheranpioneers.org](http://www.lutheranpioneers.org) and click on the 2014 Convention Information button.

## 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!



After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

### WELS Film Wins Award



On March 15, WELS' newest outreach film, *Come Follow Me*, received the award for best short film at the Christian Worldview Film Festival in San Antonio, Texas.

"*Come Follow Me* was chosen as the best short film because of the strong biblical worldview and the high production values," says Rev. Phillip Telfer of the Christian Worldview Film Festival. "*Come Follow Me* best represented the kind of films that we believe will have an eternal impact on lives through this powerful medium."

*Come Follow Me*, released in fall 2013, is the second in a series of four outreach movies that are a collaboration between WELS Commissions on Evangelism and Adult Discipleship, Northwestern Publishing House, WELS Multi-Language Publications, and Boettcher+Trinklein Television, Inc.

"What we heard over and over at the festival was how *Come Follow Me* works so well as an outreach tool," says Mr. Steve Boettcher, the film's director and producer. "The film makes it simple for anyone to present the gospel to a friend or neighbor in a way that's straightforward, compelling, and doctrinally sound."

If you would like a FREE copy of *Come Follow Me* for yourself or for a friend, please visit the church office.



## Church News

### 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).

### LWMS Spring Rally

Saturday, April 26, 2014 8:30 am- 12:30 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

203 N. Nash Street, Hortonville

Matthew 13:3

A Farmer Went Out to Sow His Seed...

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Celebrates 150 Years of Pastoral Training

Speaker: Prof. Joel Otto

Free child care provided!

Please use the sign up sheet on the back table if you are planning on attending. See Marilyn Chesbrough with any questions or concerns.

### From Your Stewardship Committee

\*Did you know that Peace gave 104% of its mission commitment to Synod last year? Peace pledged \$22,800, but actually gave \$23,680 and add to that Ladies Aid and Evening Guild contributions to medical missions of \$400! Good Job!

\* Did you know we have reached our goal of \$2600 to fund tuition to St. John's Montello for the remainder of the 2013/14 school year? Good Job! Our next goal is to be able to replace the roof over the Sunday School rooms. More information about this goal coming soon!

Thanks to all,  
 Stewardship Committee



## Lent/ Easter Schedule



### Midweek Lenten Services

Thursdays, April 3, & 10

Dinner & fellowship 5-6:30 pm

Worship 7 pm

### 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

### Peace Lutheran Church Offerings For February, 2014

Total Contributions from all sources \$14,638.91

Total Contributions needed in February to meet budget \$14,800.00

Total number of people in church services in February 496



## A True Easter Celebration



In our increasingly commercialized world, it's difficult to pull our attention away from the chocolate bunnies—the getting, not giving—and hard to focus on the real reason for the season.

In almost every conversation about Easter for kids that I had with parents and teachers, Resurrection Eggs came up. Available commercially, but also fun to make on your own, these are colorful plastic eggs filled with symbols of Easter and Christ's passion. Go to [www.busychickadees.com/2012/03/how-to-make-resurrection-eggs/](http://www.busychickadees.com/2012/03/how-to-make-resurrection-eggs/) to find simple do-it-yourself directions. All you'll need is an egg carton, twelve plastic eggs, a Sharpie, and a printer! Hide an egg each day of Holy Week. When it's discovered (or at family devotion time), open the egg and tell the story that goes with each symbol. You can collect the eggs in a basket for a final review on Easter Sunday.

### Create an Easter library

Check your church library or Christian bookstore for children's Bibles, Lenten devotionals, and other books and movies on Easter. Building a collection of religious Easter books that comes out only once a year is another exciting way to focus your family on what Easter really means. The books can be placed in a special area, or unwrap one a day for a thrilling after-lunch or bedtime story. (Even if the books are "old," the excitement will be there!) And it's never too early to use the Bible itself.

Easter is a wonderful time for music too. Teach your children a few familiar Easter hymns so they can be ready for boisterous Easter Sunday singing. Piggyback songs (new words to old melodies), such as 'Jesus is alive! Jesus is alive! Now we all can celebrate! Jesus is alive!' (sung to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell"), are easy for any parent to sing. Add some rhythm instruments and

have a true Easter parade! Don't be afraid to expose kids to "heavier" music too. Even young children can enjoy Handel's Messiah or Bach's St. John Passion.

### Reinforce the meaning of Easter

Filling your home with Easter decorations like crosses- find religious window clings- is another way to reinforce the true meaning of Easter. An Easter lily just starting to bloom can reinforce the idea that Jesus was the first to rise, and like the other lily buds, we too will rise someday. Online retailers (such as Oriental Trading Company) often feature great teaching tools, like Easter story finger puppets, felt board or sticker stories. Children can role-play the Easter story with puppets or use sheets and towels for their own costumes.

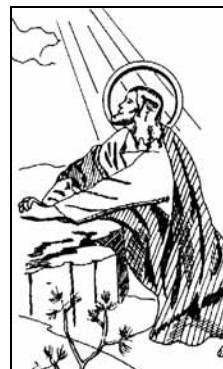
Easter experiences are easy to create. Make butterfly crafts. Take a spring nature walk and talk about the new life all around the neighborhood and the new life Jesus' resurrection gives us. As you color eggs, incorporate spiritual symbols (use masking tape to make crosses on the eggs before dying, then remove the tape after the eggs are dry). Bake cross cutout cookies for the neighbors. See the next page for a great cookie recipe. Fill traditional baskets with chocolate crosses and new Easter books. These are all excellent ways to celebrate Easter with your family.

Attending Holy Week services and carefully explaining the significance of each service is also an essential part of your family's Easter celebration!

Easter ideas abound! Choose a few to get started, and may God bless your family's true celebration of Easter!

*Ann Ponath and her husband, David, celebrate Easter with their four children in Stillwater, Minnesota.*

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*Then He said to them (Peter and the two sons of Zebedee), "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with Me." And going a little farther He fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."*



## Recipe Corner: Easter Story Cookies

*This is a great recipe to remind us of the REAL story of Easter: that Jesus our Savior is not dead but has risen! Make this recipe as a family!*

### You will need:

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| 1 cup whole pecans | a zipper baggy |
| 1 teaspoon vinegar | 1 wooden spoon |
| 3 egg whites       | scotch tape    |
| a pinch salt       | your Bible     |
| 1 cup sugar        |                |

### Instructions:

*These are to be made the evening before Easter.*

- Preheat oven to 300F.
- Place pecans in zipper baggy and beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. *After Jesus was arrested He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read: John 19:1-3*
- Smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp vinegar into mixing bowl. *When Jesus was thirsty on the cross He was given vinegar to drink. Read: John 19:28-30*
- Add egg whites to vinegar. *Eggs represent life. Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read: John 10:10&11*
- Sprinkle a little salt into your hand. Taste it & brush the rest into the bowl. *This represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read: Luke 23:27*
- Add 1 cup sugar. *The sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read: Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16*
- Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12-15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. *The color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read: Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3*
- Fold in nuts. Drop by teaspoon onto cookie sheet. *Each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read: Matthew 27:57-60*
- Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Take a piece of tape and seal the oven door. *Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read: Matthew 27:65-66*
- GO TO BED! *You may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read: John 6:20&22*
- On Easter Sunday morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! *On the first Easter Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read: Matthew 28:1-9*



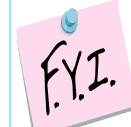
## Birthdays

- 4/1 Bernice Baranyk
- 4/2 Teri Jo Fendler
- 4/4 Cindy Roebke  
Steve Jansen
- 4/6 Emily McLeod
- 4/8 Lynn Anderson
- 4/10 Hannah Klusmeyer
- 4/12 Beatrice Broehm
- 4/13 Bailey Blader-Lucht
- 4/15 Pat Campbell  
Nancy Klusmeyer
- 4/16 Brooke Blader-Lucht
- 4/19 Nathan Klapoetke
- 4/21 Ardis Spuhler  
Brayden Klapoetke
- 4/22 Jackson Wedell
- 4/24 Roger Odegard
- 4/27 Darlene Jansen
- 4/28 Rebecka Richards
- 4/29 Morgan Rohrbaugh



## Anniversaries

- 4/4 Everett & Judy Schulz (44)
- 4/8 Richard & Chris Anderson (42)
- 4/22 Roger & Darlene Jansen (47)
- 4/25 Harry & Jeannette Thom (61)



*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.*



*(Jesus asked,) "Whom do you seek?" They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them.*