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Tuesdays @ 9 am
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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: peace.lutheran@centurytel.net.



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Mornings With Mommy
Be sure to join us for Mornings with Mommy on Monday, July 7 & Monday, July 21 at 10 am.
Register at www.wautomapeacelutheran.org.



Don't miss out on all the fun at
Vacation Bible School!
Monday, July 21—Friday, July 25
9 am-12:30 pm
See page 3 for more information.

Peace Lutheran Church Library
Summer Story Hour
Wednesdays,
July 30 & August 20 at 10 am
Parents & children up to third grade are invited to join us in the church library for stories, crafts & a snack.
Please see Emily Riedel or Emily Bohn for more information.
Invite a friend!

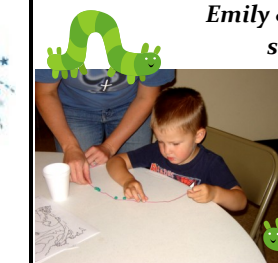
JUNE STORYHOUR HIGHLIGHTS
Story Hour on June 25 began with the reading of the creation lesson from a kid's Bible. Next, the librarians read a fun book called "Butterfly Spring." They then talked about how caterpillars become butterflies. They sang "The Itsy-Bitsy Spider" and "The Ants Go Marching." For craft time, each child got to make a caterpillar necklace out of beads. They all enjoyed a snack before heading home. See you again in July!



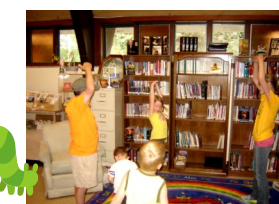
Emily & Emily leading story hour.



The group listening intently!



Caleb working hard on his necklace.



Emily Rose leading the "The Itsy-Bitsy Spider."



The group marching like little ants!



Don't Take a Vacation from God

By Rev. Paul Prange



It was a long time ago, but I still remember being very excited for a summer vacation that my parents had planned. We were going to drive to Missouri, and then follow the trail of Lewis and Clark all the way out to Oregon.

I knew that we would be gone for at least a couple of weeks, which seemed like forever in my child's mind. I thought I was old enough to pack my own suitcase, so I filled it up with books, and games, and important boy stuff like my slingshot and my fringe shorts.

It's a good thing my mother checked my suitcase before we left. She explained to me that I needed to bring fewer books. She said that I had to pack important things like clean socks and underwear. Because of her help, I actually had things like pajamas and a swimsuit when I needed them. Somehow the slingshot had disappeared from the suitcase as well.

We can be tempted to treat our summers like I treated my vacation suitcase, as a big space to fill with fun things. School gets out, time off from the job beckons, and we begin to fill up our days with trips to the beach, vacations, and other family time. These are all good! But if we're not careful, the change in our routine can lead us to forget what's most important.

The Old Testament believers were told to take Saturday off every week to concentrate on the Word of God, the most important thing. Now we have New Testament freedom to rest on any given day. But God still tells us to keep his Word as the most important thing, the *"one thing needful"* (Luke 10:42). The New Testament concept is that rest or vacation time gives us more time for God's Word, not less. Is the family together this summer? Take the time to have someone read a devotion out loud, especially if that is not already your family's custom. Are you going away from home on the weekend? Take the time to find the nearest WELS church (ask Pastor to help you!) near where you are going, and delight in the opportunity to worship with a different set of brothers and sisters.

I would have suffered if I had taken a vacation with no pajamas or swimsuit. You will suffer if you take a vacation in the summer from hearing the Word of God. **Faith comes from hearing the message. Faith is strengthened when we hear the message.** The fruits of faith can wither if we cut ourselves off from hearing the message.

It is a simple truth that God does not take a vacation from us. I am grateful that when my parents took us on vacation, they always found a place for us to worship.

This summer, don't take a vacation from God!



A Short Story



Jesus is Our Righteousness

*In His days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.
This is the name by which He will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.*

Jeremiah 23:6

There is nothing that feels better than a crisp, clean set of clothes. I've been trying to take up running this summer. After I come in from a three mile run, my shirt is gross! It's smelly and drenched with sweat. It feels so good, after I've showered, to put on a shirt that is dry and clean.

We have all made our *spiritual* clothes sweaty, dirty and gross. Our unkind words and self-centered thoughts are like mud caked on our spiritual shirts. God is not going to let us into his house (heaven) wearing those kind of clothes!

But there is nothing that feels better than a crisp, clean set of clothes! Jesus lived a completely righteous life. His spiritual clothes were never stained with a single sin. And then he said to you, "Change shirts with me." He put on your shirt that was stained with sin, and in exchange he gave you his crisp, clean shirt. That's what the Bible means when it says, **"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God"** (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Jesus was wearing our sinful clothes when he suffered and died on the cross. In exchange, he gave us his sinless clothes. Now, when God looks at us, he does not see dirty, sinful clothes. Instead, he sees the crisp, clean clothes of Jesus. The Bible puts it this way: **"He has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness"** (Isaiah 61:10).

We haven't lived a perfect life, but Jesus has. And he lets that perfect life count for us. He is **"The LORD Our Righteousness,"** (Jeremiah 23:6). Because Jesus' perfect life (his righteousness) counts for us, that means that we can get into heaven!

So the next time you finish some strenuous activity, remember with joy that Jesus put on your grimy, sinful clothes. And when you open your dresser and find a neatly folded shirt, remember that Jesus has put a fresh, clean shirt on you. You are clothed in his perfect righteousness, and there is nothing that feels better than a crisp, clean set of clothes!

Storms Damage LGP National Office



The Lutheran Girl Pioneers National Office, 1611 Caledonia St, La Crosse, suffered major damage the night of June 17-18. A wall collapsed on the roof during a storm and broke a water main which flooded the office, along with other areas of the building. There was water pouring out the front door. The carpets are soaked - there was about 3" of water standing in the entire office along with dirt. They lost shirts, books, copy paper, etc. along with a major loss of one of the computers. Judy Hansen-Pralle, Lutheran Girl Pioneers Executive Counselor, is in the process of working with the claims adjuster and the insurance company - as well as Central States', the owner of the building, insurance company.

Once dried by professionals, the office space will be assessed to determine what needs to be done with the walls and carpet.

Please pray for the LGP ministry- that this damage to the National Office shouldn't hamper its abilities to serve our girls.

The Lutheran Girl Pioneers is a para-synodical organization, which means that this ministry receives no funds from Synod, and is supported solely by active LGP Caravans and donations.

To donate to the Girl Pioneers, please send to LGP, Inc., 1611 Caledonia St., La Crosse, WI 54603.



WELS Night at the Brewers



For the first time Miller Park, Milwaukee, is offering a night for WELS members. WELS churches and members are invited to purchase discounted tickets for the Tuesday, August 5 Milwaukee Brewers' game against the San Francisco Giants. Seating will be in a block for WELS members. Mr. Lee Hitter, director of WELS Communication Services says, "With more than 200,000 WELS members in the Midwest, it would be a great opportunity to get together and enjoy a game and an evening together. We hope to make this an annual event, so get your church group together and plan to join us August 5." Discounted tickets can be purchased online at www.brewers.com/wels. Groups of 20 or more can contact WELS member Jason Fry at 414-902-4516 at the Brewers to purchase seats together and to bypass service charges on ticket purchases.

Job Openings at WELS

The WELS Center for Mission and Ministry, along with the synod's ministerial education schools, offers employment opportunities to professionals who use their skills and knowledge to serve their synod.

Currently, there are openings at the WELS Center for Missions and Ministry, Waukesha; Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn.; and Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Mich.

Opportunities include:

Director, Human Resources, New Ulm

Web Apps./Database Developer, New Ulm

Human Resources Generalist, Waukesha

Internship, Graphic Design/Communications, Waukesha

Food Service Manager, Saginaw

If one of these opportunities looks like it might be a fit for you or someone you know, you can view the full job description and apply online at

<https://workforcenow.adp.com/jobs/apply/posting.html?client=wels>

Vacation Bible School Monday, July 21– Friday, July 25 9 am-12:30 pm

We are having a fun-filled summer program here at Peace on Monday, July 21– Friday, July 25 for our youth, ages Kindergarten through 8th grade. Our theme is "Little Bethlehem." From the opening to the closing program, you will enjoy all the fun of summer camp, such as adventure, Christmas Around the World, crafts, games, snacks and story time. Each activity is designed to be centered on important lessons from Scripture. There is NO cost for this program! Registrations will be mailed to all Sunday School students. Extras can be picked up at the church office and on the back table in the fellowship hall– bring a friend! We will have lots of different opportunities for volunteers to choose from. Contact Christine at 920-787-3856 to talk about volunteer options.



Peace Lutheran Church Offerings

	Year-to-Date
Offerings ytd	\$83,673
Budgeted ytd	\$92,500

Special Projects

Parking lot repairs	
Ytd donations	\$3400
Needed amount	\$7500
Sunday School roof repairs	
Ytd donations	\$200
Needed amount	\$20,000



Bake Sale Sunday, July 13

Before & after church



Funds raised will go to supporting Circle of Peace missions and LWMS missionaries. Please see Ahnsharee Klusmeyer (920-539-3560) for more information.

We Need You!



If anyone is interested in helping man a booth at the county fair in August, please see Ev Schulz or sign up on the sheet on the back table in the fellowship hall.

You can work the booth as a family, or sign up singly and we'll pair you up! You won't ever be alone and we'll tell you what to do! Shifts can be as short as three hours.

Help us reach out to our community with the saving love of Jesus!

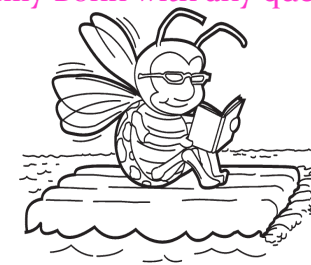
Buggy For Books

Summer Reading Challenge

Thank you to all who are participating in the Buggy for Books summer reading challenge.

Don't forget to turn in your reading logs to the church office or the church library by July 6 to be entered for prizes!

Please see Emily Bohn with any questions.





Mornings With Mommy

Mornings With Mommy meets year-round in the back Sunday School classrooms. Moms and their children, ages infant through preschool can join us on the first and third Monday of each month at 10 am for a fun, educational playdate. Each session costs \$5 per family. Throughout the summer, we will have activities planned for older siblings. This way, moms can still attend and not have to worry about what to do with their school-aged kids. Our last June session was all about camping! We had 12 infant-preschoolers, 10 big kids, and seven moms join in the fun!

To register for the sessions, please visit www.wautomapeaceelutheran.org. For more information, please call Ahnsharee Klusmeyer, Mornings with Mommy director, at 920-539-3560.



Little Gabby works hard on her art project- adding marshmallow cotton balls to a s'more!



Storytime is a favorite for moms and kiddos! Here, Pastor is reading to the group.



The older kids got to play camping BINGO and mark their squares with marshmallows! Concentrating hard are Mary and TJ.



Judah helping Joey play in the sensory bin!



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Recipe Corner:

Homemade (Super Easy) Bread

Submitted by: Christine Bohn

Ingredients:

2 cups very warm (around 100 degrees) water
2 T oil
2 T sugar
2 1/4 teaspoon yeast
2 tsp salt
5-6 cups flour (all-purpose or whole wheat or a combo of both)

What to do:

1. Mix water, oil, sugar and yeast together in measuring cup. Let sit for several minutes.
 2. Mix together salt and 2 cups of flour in a big bowl.
 3. Mix water mixture into flour. Add more flour, one cup at a time until bread dough sticks together.
 4. On a floured surface, knead bread for ten minutes. Add more flour as needed, remembering that a little sticky is okay, too dry is bad!
 5. Separate into two pieces, roll into loaves.
 6. Place in bread pans that have been sprayed with non-stick spray (sprinkle a little corn meal on the bottom of each pan for a super yummy crunch).
 7. Let rise for 45 minutes in a warm spot (not on the stove!).
 8. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.
 9. Bake for 12-20 minutes, until golden brown. (Hint: if you have a hard time telling when the bread is done like me, take its temperature! It should be 190-210 degrees for the perfect loaf.)
 10. Cool slightly; transfer to a cooling rack.
- This bread is super yummy warm!

Do you have a great recipe? Give it to Christine in the church office, either hard copy or email, and you may be a featured cook in our next newsletter!



Birthdays

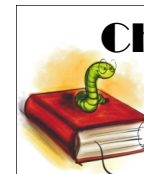
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7/4 Pearl Muske
7/7 Donna Kuenn
7/9 Bob Chesbrough
Marilyn Snyder
Joshua Klamm
7/10 Richard Anderson
7/11 Connie Odegard
7/13 Harry Thom
7/15 Rae Ann Bower
7/17 Kenneth Schwesenska
7/21 Ken Kasper
7/24 Richard Vollrath
7/28 Allen Treichel
Bob Lang
7/29 David Bliske
7/30 Jeanette Thom

Anniversaries

7/10 Allen & Marion Treichel (59)
7/13 Lenny & Mary McKay (51)
7/22 Bob & Dawn Wedell (36)
7/24 Herb & Virginia Vogel (60)
7/25 Harold & Linda Stechmesser (22)
7/31 Clifford & Delores Bliske (49)



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 peaceelutheran@centurytel.net.



Church Library Hours

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

Don't Suffer in the Heat!

As the summer gets hotter, remember that if you don't have air conditioning you are welcome at church during regular office hours! We have A.C.! Call the church office (787-3856) with any questions.