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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: peacelutheran@centurytel.net.

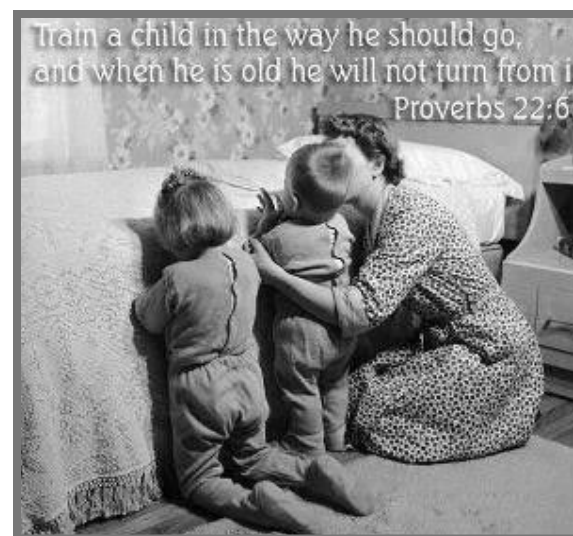


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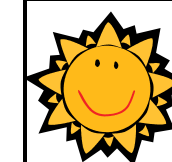
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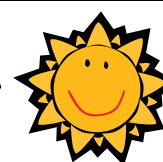


Mornings With Mommy
Be sure to join us for Mornings with Mommy on Monday, August 4 & Monday, August 18 at 10 am.
Register at www.wautomapeacelutheran.org.



Peace Lutheran Church Library

Summer Story Hour

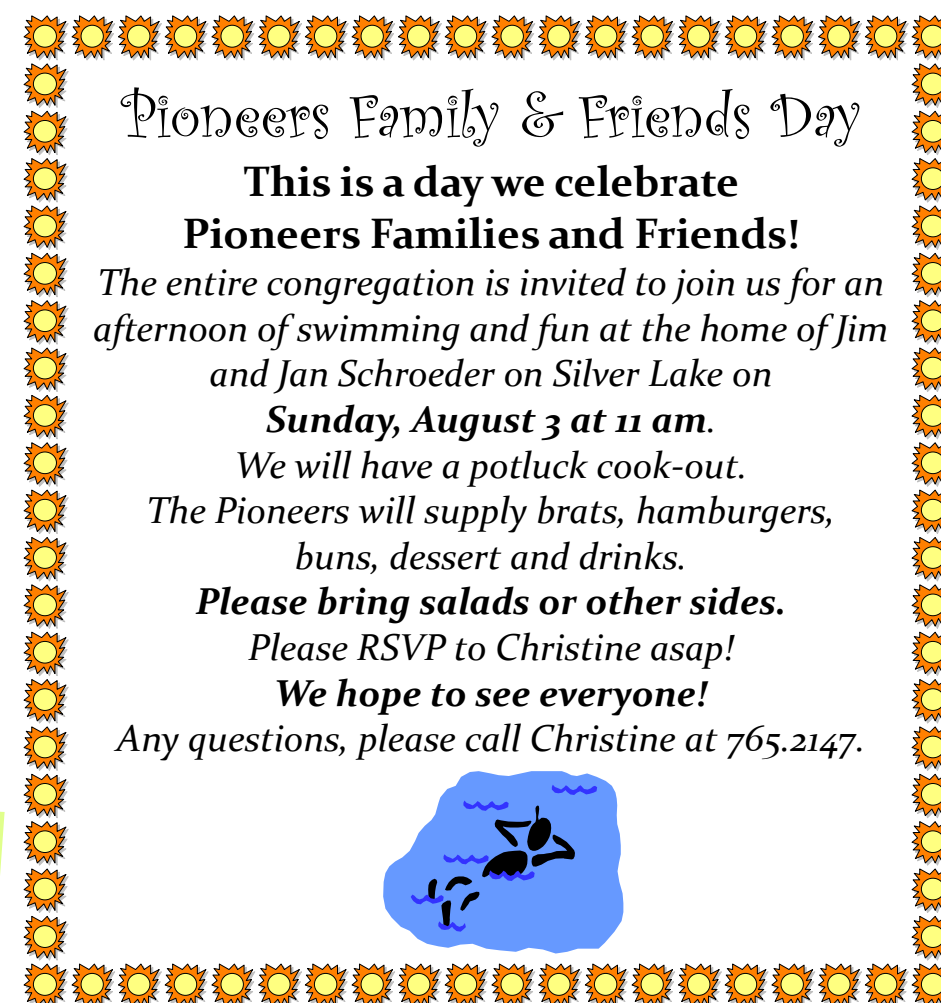


**Wednesdays,
July 30 & August 20 at 10 am**

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!



Pioneers Family & Friends Day

**This is a day we celebrate
Pioneers Families and Friends!**

*The entire congregation is invited to join us for an afternoon of swimming and fun at the home of Jim and Jan Schroeder on Silver Lake on
Sunday, August 3 at 11 am.*

We will have a potluck cook-out.

The Pioneers will supply brats, hamburgers, buns, dessert and drinks.

Please bring salads or other sides.

Please RSVP to Christine asap!

We hope to see everyone!

Any questions, please call Christine at 765.2147.



Remember the Date!!

August 31

**2014-2015 Lutheran Pioneers
Registrations Are Due**

Gossip or Trustworthy?

**“A gossip betrays a confidence,
but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.”**

Proverbs 11:13

How many friendships have been destroyed by a juicy morsel of gossip mouthed in a moment of anger or mentioned because of envy? How many have become twice shy about sharing an intimate secret with an acquaintance or a family member because of a careless slip of the tongue, even if the motive wasn't to hurt? On the other hand, how many have found their best friend to be the one who is able to keep secrets and to love them in spite of what they know? How many business people have held in high esteem those partners or employees who know how to keep quiet about what has been told them in private?



We know, especially if we've been burned by loose lips, how damaging the tongue can be. We also know, sometimes from experience, how rare and beautiful it is to find someone with whom we can be comfortable and confident to share anything. Is it any wonder that God includes damaging words of the tongue among those he forbids within his 10 Commandments? Martin Luther, who had tremendous insight into the Lord's commands, wrote these words as explanation to the Eighth Commandment (You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor): **“We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him or give him a bad name....”**

When we use our tongue in a way that betrays another's confidence, we do more than disappoint, or potentially lose, a friend. When we let loose with some nugget of information (even if true!) that causes shame or disgrace, we break God's command. Can you think of a time that has happened in your life? Perhaps it's not a specific example, but you're pretty sure you've let your tongue slip once or twice or many more times than that. As we hear proverbs like this one of Solomon, may God lead us to confess that we've sinned by the way we've used our tongue. And then may he lead us to look to Jesus. The perfect trustworthy man. The perfect confidant. The one who used his tongue only for the glory of God and always for the good of neighbor! That one who lived perfectly in our place then innocently went to the cross for every one of our slips, every one of our careless words and all of our malicious mud-slinging.



As followers of Jesus, desiring to thank and serve him, let's strive to put this proverb of God's truth into practice. What a blessing God can make us to others as we rein in our tongue! What a tremendous privilege to live our lives for others, using constraint as we talk about them and what they've shared with us! We live as trustworthy men and women with those we love and those with whom we work and worship, all in and through Jesus who strengthens us with his grace and guides us by his Word.

Prayer:

Lord, forgive me for the times when I have used my tongue in a sinful way.

I know in Jesus you have forgiven me.

Restore any relationships that have been broken in my life because of sins of the tongue.

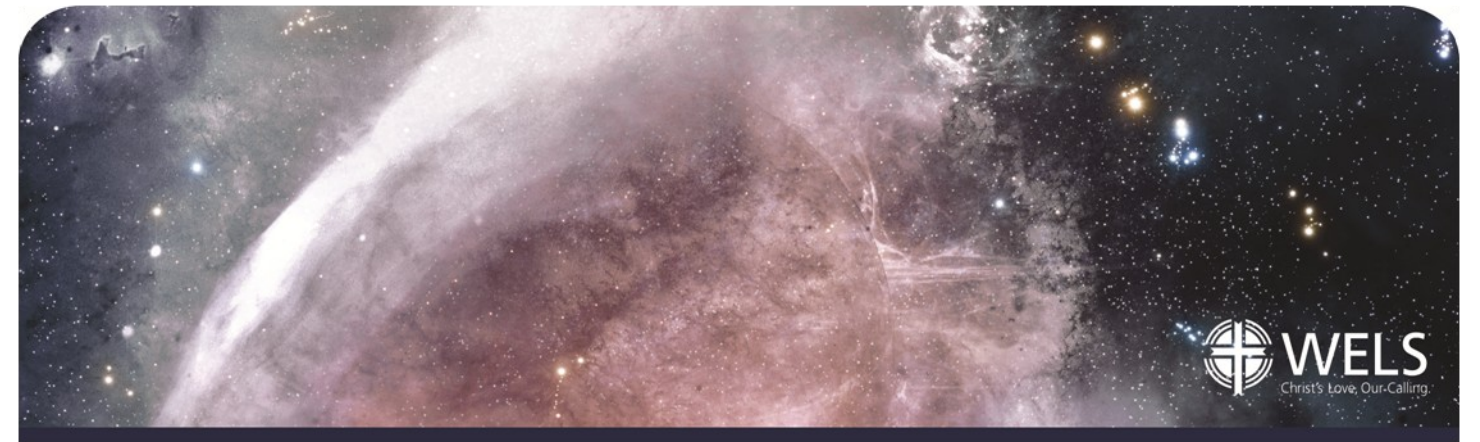
Help me to glorify you and to serve my neighbor by the things I say and the things I don't.

Amen.

Today's Devotion is brought to you by WELS and www.WhatAboutJesus.com



A Short Story



Jesus is...Alpha and Omega

**"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,
"who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."**

Revelation 1:8

It's a growing trend for businesses to incorporate subliminal messages in their logos. A close look at the FedEx logo reveals an arrow signifying that FedEx is going somewhere. The Tostitos logo has the figures of two people dipping a chip in salsa. The Amazon logo has a smile connecting the letters A and Z in its name to indicate that you can find anything on their site from soup to nuts or should we say from A to Z. And when you look at their website, you can find just about anything you could ever imagine.

It's interesting then that no less than three times in the book of Revelation, Jesus reveals himself as the Alpha and the Omega. One such time is in chapter 1 verse 8 where we read, **“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”** Alpha is the first letter in the Greek alphabet and Omega is the last letter. In other words, he is our A to Z. He is everything we need.

He meets our greatest need for forgiveness of sins with his own perfect life and subsequent suffering and death. He gives us faith to receive that forgiveness and all of the other blessings he connects to it, including salvation and eternal life. We can't earn his forgiveness. We can't go online to Amazon and buy it. Jesus simply gives it to us as a gift of his love.

From the beginning of our life to the end, he promises to be with us always. In times of trial and frustration, he supports and strengthens us. In grief and pain, he comforts us. With times of joy, he blesses us. And he promises to meet all our needs for food and clothes and shelter and companionship. We don't have to wonder if he can or will. There's no search bar where we have to type in the keywords of a product we're looking for. Jesus, the Alpha and the Omega, promises in his Word to supply all that we could possibly need, in this life and in the next in heaven.

Sudanese Outreach Continues

Matt Pfeifer serves as pastor at Lincoln Heights Lutheran Church in West Des Moines, Iowa.



If you walk by Lincoln Heights Lutheran Church on a Sunday afternoon, you may hear the beating of drums and singing that you don't understand. This is the joyful noise of a group of believers singing praises to God in the Nuer language. In 2006, a group of Sudanese refugees attended Lincoln Heights Lutheran looking for a church that taught the Word of God in truth and purity. After a period of instruction and the difficult work of translating materials into the Nuer language, several families became members of the church. There are currently seventeen communicant members of Lincoln Heights from this group as well as many baptized children. Part of this ministry among the Sudanese has been helping with physical needs. This help continues, but the ministry began with sharing the Word of God. The gospel continues to be the main focus. Once or twice a month, services in the Nuer language are held on Sunday afternoons. Most of the children have no problem with English since they were born in the US and are taking regular catechism classes, have been involved with Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

In order to reach those who primarily speak Nuer, we have begun a system of training. Working with Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and several other WELS congregations we have developed a plan of study for the Sudanese who wish to be spiritual leaders for their people. At Lincoln Heights, six men and women are currently going through the "Life of Christ" course offered through the Congregational Assistant Program (CAP). This is the beginning of their training in the Word of God. God willing, they will be able to complete their training so they can serve the Nuer speakers of our congregation as their people have asked them to do. There are also many Sudanese in our community without a solid connection to a church. The Sudanese members of Lincoln Heights regularly reach out with the gospel to this community. These Sudanese believers are also very concerned about their friends and family in South Sudan. Many of them fled to Ethiopia during the civil war and still live there. Although the civil war with the north has ended and South Sudan is an independent country, war continues. A church in Gambella, Ethiopia has close connections with the believers here through financial support and personal visits. With God's help, we hope that those who are trained in the Scriptures in America can make trips to train others in South Sudan and Ethiopia to give the certain hope of eternal life in Jesus to those who need it.

Interactive Faith An online Bible study series Wednesdays, September 3, 10, 17, and 24 6 pm or 8 pm

Led by Pastor Michael Quandt,
The Bible study is entitled
"God's Grace to Runaways: the book of Jonah"
Join us for the one-hour studies that will be
broadcast live via the internet.
For more information, visit
www.wels.net/interactivefaith

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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!

You will have the opportunity to hear keynote speaker Linda Buxa (blogger at Time of Grace ministries), attend workshops and enjoy fellowship. Everyone who is interested in the Lutheran Girl Pioneers ministry is invited to attend! Call Judy Pralle at the LGP Headquarters at 608-781-5232 for information about this exciting convention!

"Let the wife
make the
husband
glad to come home,
and let him
make her
sorry to see
him leave."
Martin Luther



Church News



Advent By Candlelight



Sunday, November 30, 2014

1 pm

It's never too early to mark your calendar for an important event!

The Peace Lutheran Girl Pioneers are hosting an Advent by Candlelight event for ladies of all ages in our congregation, their female family members, friends and neighbors, on Sunday, November 30 at 1 pm in the fellowship hall. There is no charge for this event! Join us for an uplifting afternoon of God's Word, music, fellowship and, of course, yummy desserts.

Prepare your hearts for the Advent season before the holidays get into full swing! Please call Christine at 920-765-2147 for more information.

You Can Help!

Want to make sure you have a seat for Advent by Candlelight this year? We have a new opportunity for you! This year, our Advent by Candlelight event will feature table hostesses!



Hostesses will provide table settings, decorations and dessert for a table of six. You can partner with a friend, if you'd like! It will be lots of fun and only require a few hours of your time for planning, baking your dessert (or buying it!), and decorating.

If you'd like to host a table this year, or would like more information before committing, please call Christine at 920-765-2147.

Buggy For Books

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to our summer reading challenge winners: Rebecca Bohn and Beth Riedel. Rebecca won three books from the Young Readers Christian Library series: "Esther," "Jonah" and "Jesus." Beth won three devotion booklets and a bookmark. Thanks again to all who participated!



THANK YOU!!



Thank you to Dan Baranyk for all the hard work so far this summer! Dan has not only been busy keeping our lawn looking GREAT, he also has been busy back-filling over by the new garage and setting up shop in there. So much work and time goes into what Dan does, so thank you!!



Also a big thanks to Bob Chesbrough for weeding around Pastor's yard and the church. He saw it needed to be done, so just came and did it! He spent the better part of a week working to make the

outside of God's house look great!

Thank you to these two men for doing what needed to be done! We appreciate you!

LWMS Rally

Ladies and Gentlemen, we have a very important announcement! Peace, with assistance from Trinity, Redgranite, will be hosting the Fall LWMS Rally on Saturday, October 25. If you are able to help that day, please see Bernice Baranyk for more information. We will need helpers for all areas of our rally. If you can't help, plan on attending! More information will be coming soon.

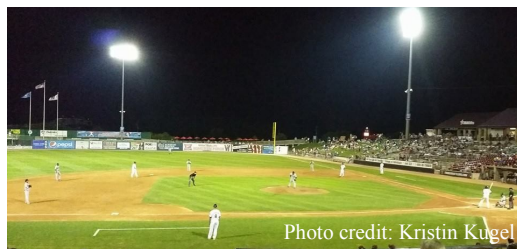


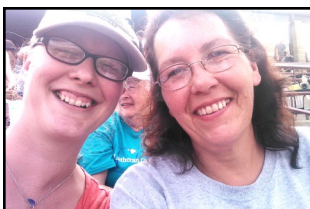
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Timber Rattler Game Recap

With 79 seats, 28 of which were visitors and guests, our annual Pioneers-sponsored Timber Rattler Game out-ing was a true success. We tailgated in the parking lot- who can resist Kevin's famous beer brats?- and, al-though the Rattlers lost this time, we enjoyed the game. It was a theme night, Christmas in July, so we got to see fireworks while listening to Christmas music after the game was over! It was a great night!

Thanks to all who came, to all who invited a friend and to all who support the Pioneers ministry.



Enjoying some girl time are friends Rita Thomas and Becky Sullivan
Photo Credit: Becky Sullivan



Tailgating fun- Rod Nelson flashes us a peace sign!
Photo Credit: Darlene Travers



Joey Riedel riding high up on Dad's shoulders!
Photo Credit: Darlene Travers



Teri Jo Fendler, Christine Bohn and Karri Cragin setting up for dinner!
Photo Credit: Darlene Travers



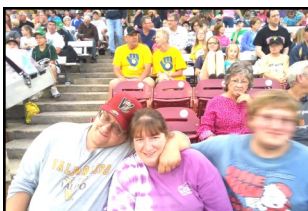
Timber Rattler Game
July 19, 2014
Photo Credit: Pastor Riedel



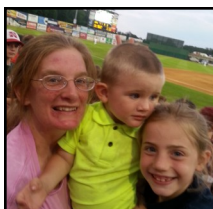
Time to eat!
Photo Credit: Darlene Travers



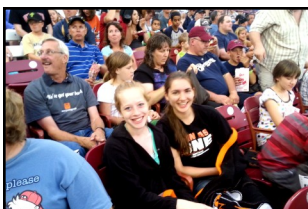
Best friends: Emily, Becca, Susan & Emily



Jeff & Karen Beyer (and blur Joshua Klamm)



Beth, Joey and Mary Riedel



Sandra Klamm brought her friend Ashley.



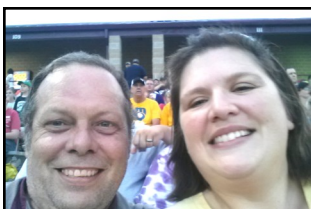
Tom Fendler smiling pretty for the camera!



Christine & Kevin Bohn being photobombed by Emily Riedel. Nice face, Kevin.



Dad Kris & son Kaleb Cragin



Richard Vollrath and Christine Bohn taking selfies!



Contact information corrections & updates

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Recipe Corner: Crock Pot Chicken Fajitas

Serves: 4-5

Ingredients:

4-5 thawed boneless, skinless chicken breasts
3 bell peppers (yellow, red, and orange), sliced
1 large onion, sliced
1 package taco seasoning
8-10 flour or corn tortillas

Optional: your choice of toppings, such as sour cream, cheese, guacamole, lettuce, tomato

In a crock pot, place chicken breasts, veggies, and sprinkle with taco seasoning. Cook on high for 3-4 hours, or low for 6-8 hours. When done, take out chicken and cut into slices. Put it back in the cooker and mix together with the veggies. Serve with your choice of toppings.

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

8/3 Randy Wilcox
8/4 Linda Stechmesser
8/8 Helen Timmermann
8/10 Lucy Hansen
8/11 Eryn Lemke
8/15 Wes Hetcher
8/17 Dale Ast
8/26 Ruth Bartforth
Pastor Tom Klusmeyer
Emily Riedel
Caleb Hansen
8/30 Susie Frohman

Anniversaries

8/3 Del & Karleen Meyer (46)
8/5 Pastor Russell & Verona Kloehn (47)
Jason & Betsey Welty (14)
Greg & Mindy Hintz (8)
8/10 Larry & Nicole Anderson (1)
8/17 Russell & Deanna Eichsteadt (12)
8/18 Tom & Donna Kuenn (23)
Tom & Megan Kubasta (18)
8/25 Don & Helen Timmermann (57)
8/27 Dan & Michelle Lemke (20)
8/28 Watson & Joyce Woodruff (60)



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.

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 ques-tions.