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Worship every Sunday @ 9 am
 every Thursday @ 7 pm
Sunday School every Sunday @ 10:15 am
Bible Study Sundays @ 8 am
 Tuesdays @ 9 am
 Thursdays @ 9 am & 7:45 pm
Choir every Wednesday @ 7 pm
PeaceMakers 2nd & 4th Wed. @ 1 pm
Confirmation Level 2 Sundays @ 10:15 am
Pioneers every second & last Sunday 1 pm
JAM Session 2nd & 4th 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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Mornings With Mommy

Be sure to join us for Mornings with Mommy on Monday, March 2 and Monday, March 16 at 10 am.

Register at www.wautomapeacelutheran.org.

Can't Make it to Church?

Tune into "Time of Grace", a TV worship service led by WELS pastor Mark Jeske from St. Mark's, Milwaukee.

Local stations include:

WGBA NBC 26	Sundays at 6:30 am
WACY 32	Sundays at 7:30 am
WMSN FOX 47	Sundays at 7 am
WBUW 57	Sundays at 8:30 am
WSAW CBS 7	Sundays at 10 am

Lent & Easter Schedule

Midweek Lenten Services

Thursdays, February 26, March 5, 12, 19 and 26

Dinner 5-6:30 pm

(The entire family is invited to come for a free dinner & great fellowship prior to worship)

Worship 7 pm

Easter for Kids

Sunday, March 22 11:30 am (see inside for more information!)

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29

Worship 9 am

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2

Worship with Holy Communion 12 pm & 7 pm (same service)

Good Friday

Friday, April 3

Good Friday Worship 12 pm

Tenebrae Worship 7 pm

Easter

Sunday, April 5

Sunrise Worship 7 am

Easter Breakfast 8 am

Easter Song Service 9 am



Circle of Peace Sat, March 14 9 am

Curious what we do?
 Interested in women's ministries? Want to serve but don't know where?
 Join us at Circle of Peace!
 All the ladies of Peace are invited to join us!

Like Sheep

In his great book, *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*, Philip Keller wrote about Mrs. Gadabout, a beautiful ewe sheep in good health. She had a nice shape and produced excellent wool. She also gave birth to many fine lambs. Yet she had one great fault. She was restless and discontent. She created more problems for her shepherd than all the other sheep. Although she had plenty of nice pasture to feed on, she always tried to crawl under the fence to get what grew beyond it. Worse yet, she taught her lambs to do the same thing. The shepherd had to chase her and her lambs to bring them back to the flock. Finally, he had to take her to the slaughter house (kill her) to put an end to the problem.

Do we all see ourselves in Mrs. Gadabout? God's prophet Isaiah certainly did when he wrote, **"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, EACH OF US has turned to his own way"** (Isaiah 53:6). We have it so good in the rich, fertile pastures our Good Shepherd has provided for all of us. Yet, sadly, thanklessly, we can be so discontent and restless, always wanting more, coveting something better.

What teen or older adult hasn't coveted what seems like the better, easy life of another, who has an enviable job, fantastic wages and benefits, a bigger beautiful home, a cabin on the lake, and a really cool car. What child reading this now hasn't ever wanted more new stuff to play with, more popular friends, someone else's grades, or the athletic or musical ability of another classmate. Like foolish little lambs, we carelessly follow the lead of Mrs. Gadabout into the pastures of sin.

Remember what the shepherd had to do with Mrs. Gadabout? That's what God should rightfully do with his foolish, stubborn, wandering sheep. Who would believe that he would punish the Shepherd instead? In the same passage earlier Isaiah continued, **"The Lord has laid on him (the faithful Shepherd) the iniquity (sin) of us all"** (Isaiah 53:6). Isaiah was writing about our dear, loving Savior Jesus. God the Almighty Creator, Ruler of heaven and earth and Just Judge carried out his just sentence for sin. In love he sent Jesus to his death on the cruel cross of Calvary as punishment for every sin of every person.

Let each of us take the time these weeks of Lent and attend special worship times at our churches to reflect on the Good Shepherd's love for us who **"like sheep, have gone astray."** And let us ask God each day to help us keep our eyes on Jesus as the only way to eternal life.

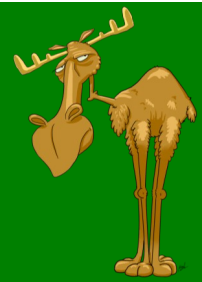
Pastor Norris Baumann

Pastor Norris Baumann is a pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI and serves, along with Pastor Michael Krentz, as the pastoral advisors for the Lutheran Girl Pioneers.

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A Short Story

Our 2015 "A Short Story" series will offer a collection of articles that provide scriptural answers to questions that people often ask or wonder about Christianity, such as "What happens when we die?" and "God doesn't always answer my prayers-why?"

These articles are designed to help you reach out to people with God's Word- to give you the knowledge to answer some of life's biggest questions. We hope you enjoy this year's series: "Fair Questions - Honest Answers."



How is Jesus the Savior of the world?

On September 11, 2001, passengers on United Airlines Flight 93 attempted to gain control of the hijacked airplane that was by most accounts headed for a target in Washington, D.C. The plane crashed in a field in Pennsylvania. All 44 passengers were killed. The valiant passengers sacrificed their lives so that possibly many more lives were spared. Those passengers were lifesavers in the sense that they substituted their own lives for the lives of others.

Christians refer to Jesus as a lifesaver. Jesus saved our lives and the lives of every single human being. That is quite an astounding assertion. How specifically did Jesus save the human race? The answer hinges on Jesus serving as our substitute.

The Bible clearly states that God is absolutely holy, righteous and just. The problem is that we human beings are not in God's spiritual league, far from it. The apostle Paul bluntly reminds us that no one is perfect: **"There is no one righteous, not even one...All have turned away and have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one"** (Romans 3:10, 12).

We are sinful; God is not. Left to ourselves, our lack of holiness will prevent us from living eternally in our holy God's presence. God's Word says, **"The wages of sin is death"** (Romans 6:23). Instead of going to heaven, our final destiny is eternal death in hell. Jesus said that those who are not righteous will be cast by God into the place of torment (Matthew 13:49, 50), the abode of the evil angel Satan. It is an ominous and bleak eternal outlook!

But God intervened. We have a lifesaver. We have a substitute. In unimaginable love, God the Father sent his Son, Jesus, to save us from death and hell. As true God and true man, Jesus lived a holy and sinless life in our place. Jesus substituted his holiness for our lack of holiness, so that because of Jesus God counts us completely holy!

Then in remarkable humble love for all of us, Jesus suffered and died. On the cross, Jesus suffered the agony of eternal separation from God the Father's love. We deserved that eternal punishment for our sin, but God put Jesus under the sentence of death as our substitute.

Then victoriously Jesus rose from the dead to prove that he fully accomplished our salvation. He is the Savior who rescued the world from the guilt of sin, the hold of death, and the power of hell by his perfect life and his death for us.

Trust Jesus who is your "substitute" Savior, and all these eternal blessings are yours!

For more Questions & Answers, go to www.WhatAboutJesus.com, then Questioning God.

Malawi Update

Relief efforts have been ongoing in the flood-damaged areas of Malawi. WELS missionaries in Malawi, leaders from the Lutheran Church of Central Africa - Malawi (LCCA), WELS Christian Aid and Relief, and WELS Kingdom Workers have been collaborating to meet the needs of affected LCCA members. So far, Christian Aid and Relief has designated \$50,000 to relief efforts, but initial assessments indicate that needs are extensive and ongoing.

In January, Malawi experienced damaging floods that destroyed or damaged the homes of an estimated 3,200 LCCA families and nearly 20 LCCA church buildings. The floods also washed away crops, depleting the local food supplies, and increased the threat of diseases such as malaria and cholera.



So far, WELS Kingdom Workers volunteers and LCCA leaders, working with Christian Aid and Relief, have been distributing supply buckets with sheet plastic, nails, and blankets to provide temporary housing to affected families, but traveling the flood-damaged roads can be difficult. To help expedite the travel and delivery process, Christian Aid and Relief is funding two more Kingdom Workers volunteers to rent additional trucks in Malawi and get supplies to members more quickly.

WELS Christian Aid and Relief Director of Operations Mr. Mark Vance is planning a trip to Malawi this month to assess the damage and determine ongoing relief needs, particularly food and medical needs in addition to the structural damage to homes and churches.

The LCCA is WELS' sister synod in Malawi. To help support relief efforts, send checks to

WELS

**Re: Christian Aid and Relief,
flood disaster relief fund
N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive
Waukesha, WI 53188-1108**

Live Parenting Webcast

Forward in Christ's new parenting column, *Heart to Heart: Parent Conversations*, is hosting its first live webcast on **Tuesday, March 10, at 8 pm**. Get to know three of the column's authors and ask them questions.



Laura Warmuth, a mother of three young children, has been following the *Heart to Heart* articles since their debut in the January issue and has joined the conversation online at the column's blog. She says, "I'm connected online with many friends and relatives that are parents, and we share stories, ask for advice, and support each other. I find the *Heart to Heart* group valuable—in addition to my own network—because the range of topics being discussed is more broad and the pool of parents leaving comments is new to me. The authors come from different walks of life and are at different points on the path of parenthood. Getting to know them through their bios, their writing, and this webcast is a privilege and an encouragement to me."

The conversation of the March webcast will focus on the topic of March's column: "How do we talk about Jesus with our children?" Sometimes we as parents struggle to talk about Jesus in natural ways with our children. It's easy to read them a Bible story about Jesus, but it's harder to apply that story as a situation unfolds. See how authors Wendy Heyn, Dan Nommensen, and Ann Jahns deal with this topic with their children and share ways that you talk about Jesus with your children. Does your congregation have a mom's group? This would be a great get-together. The group can participate in the broadcast and then have its own discussion after the broadcast is over. Or consider making a date with your spouse to tune in after you put the kids to bed.

**To view the webcast, go to
www.wels.net/forwardinchrist**



Lent

instead of

GIVING UP SOMETHING

chocolate, television, meat, dessert,
alcohol, snacking, shopping, soda

try

GIVING TO SOMEONE

hand out flowers at lunchtime at a nursing home, collect household items for the Peace Pantry, give \$1 more in your weekly offering, come to a Pioneers meeting and help a child, shovel the walk for your neighbor, donate food to the Peace Pantry, volunteer to do learn to run the sound system at church, make a meal for someone who is sick, walk a dog at an animal shelter, send a card to an old or struggling friend

Creation or Evolution?

Sunday, March 29 12-3 pm



We've all heard evolutionists say that creationists (people who believe what Genesis tells us happened at the beginning of the world) just aren't educated enough, or that we live in denial of

what science clearly states. The Peace Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers hope you can join us on Sunday, March 29 to learn why it isn't as cut and dry as evolutionists may want it to be.

Learn facts about creation, dinosaurs, the flood and so much more. Led by Jan Schroeder, with time for questions and discussion, this event is open to everyone—regardless of age.

If you've ever had any questions about creation and evolution, or want to learn more, please join us! Please call Christine in the office (920-787-3856) or see any Pioneers leader for more information.

Midweek Lenten Dinners

Our midweek Lenten Dinners will be on Thursdays, February 26, March 5, 12, 19, and 26. If you are interested in hosting a midweek meal, please use the sign up sheet on the back table in the fellowship hall. **We are still looking for people to host!**

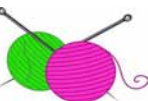
Please see Christine Bohn (920-787-3856) with any questions about our midweek meals.

And, even if you don't host, your entire family is invited to join us on those evenings from 5-6:30 pm for a free meal and great fellowship prior to our midweek Lenten worship services.

Bring a friend or neighbor!



Calling all Knitters & Crocheters!



Or those who'd love to learn!

Join us each Saturday, 2-4 pm! Bring a skein of yarn (knitters worsted weight 4 ply {example: Red Heart Super Saver, Red Heart Soft, Caron, etc}). Crocheters bring a size G, H, or I hook and knitters bring a size 8, 9 or 10 needles.

Please see Linda Welty (715-927-2455) for more information.





EASTER for Kids



Kids 4K and up are invited to join us for this fun afternoon of games, crafts, lunch, and learning all about why we celebrate Easter!

Invite a friend!

This event is FREE!

Call the church office with any questions.

When: Sunday, March 22

At: 11:30 am- 2 pm

Where: At Peace

Come Celebrate the Joy of Easter!

Think About This! *What is your talent?*

Shadow Puppets on the Wall

Playing Water GLASSES

Storytelling --- Jokes

Kitchen Band

sing- PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT- dance

MAGIC --- card tricks

---Forensics or debate speeches---

--- Whistling---

*Whatever it is, take it OUT of the ATTIC,
dust it off AND...
prepare to perform at the*

Peace Variety Show

Sunday, June 14, 2015

Right after church

Refreshments will be provided

Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
8 am-5 pm

Dear Mamas of Little Ones,

I sat behind you in church this week. I saw you struggle with holding two kiddos because the one in your arms wasn't happy when another one wanted to join. I saw your son completely messing up your hair. I saw you and your husband hand the toddler (who had a cold) back and forth because he couldn't decide which lap he liked best. I saw the look on your face as you jumped up to get the son who crawled under the pew and ended up behind you. I saw you switch spots with other kids to stand next to the one who was being a stinker, the one who thought you didn't actually see him. I saw you leave for what you thought were endless bathroom and water breaks. I saw the desperation on your face when church went a bit longer than usual because you were on borrowed time.

My kids saw it too. My 11-year-old daughter leaned over and asked, "Do you miss that?" I smiled and said, "Sometimes." And by sometimes I think I meant not really. It wasn't that long ago that I was you. My son got so many lollipops each service that he might as well have had an IV. (I did it because after every song he would loudly ask, "DONE?!" because he was ready to go home.) My mom-bag was packed with dolls and books and snacks. My hair and clothes were disheveled.

Now I'm in the stage where we sit together without shuffling positions. My kids sing along, and we talk about the message on the way home. I'm at the stage where I see each of my kiddos blossoming an independent relationship with Jesus—one that is becoming theirs, not mine or my husband's.

I tell you this, not to brag but to encourage you to hang in there. Sometimes worship feels five hours long, but I promise that in five years it will feel like you blinked. You will look next to you and see kiddos who got themselves dressed and who can make it through without crayons.

As my children and I watched you and smiled (we thought your kids were adorable!), something else dawned on me. God saw you, and he was smiling too. He loves the sacrifices you make to get his children to his house. He loves that you sacrifice what would mean more free time, less hassle, and less exhaustion to keep meeting with the people who encourage you. He is your faithful Father and could not be more proud of you.

I know there are moments when you get in the car feeling like everything went wrong that day. There is grace for you. Jesus paid for the days you lost your patience and your kids were obstinate. Thanks to Jesus, God simply sees you as his righteous holy child who is taking care of his other righteous holy children. Soon enough you will be sitting behind parents with little ones, wondering where the time went. You'll look over at the kiddo who is taller than you and thank God that he was faithful when the kids were little and that he is faithful right now.

After church you'll walk up to the new batch of young moms and encourage them—because you've been there.

Written by Linda Buxa, blogger at Time of Grace.



Birthdays

- 3/7 Marie Kasper
Rebecca Bohn
- 3/8 LeRoy Wangerin
- 3/9 Joyce Woodruff
- 3/11 TJ Klusmeyer
- 3/12 Jackie Tesch
- 3/13 Jean Bartel
Virginia Vogel
- 3/15 Clifford Bliske
- 3/16 Judy Nelson
- 3/18 Sara Siegel
Joey Riedel
- 3/19 Violet Wangerin
- 3/21 Thurman Matney
- 3/22 Susan Riedel
- 3/23 Megan Kubasta
Kevin Bohn
- 3/25 Margaret Walker
Phyllis Dassow
- 3/26 Dorothy Sullivan
- 3/27 Verna Bursack
- 3/30 Don Timmermann



Anniversaries

- 3/3 Russ & Mary Ann Nero (42)
- 3/19 Joel & Rachel Hansen (10)



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

If there are any materials (books, movies, or music) that you would like to see in the library, please let us know!