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Messenger of Peace is a publication of: Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wautoma, WI.

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.

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.





# Messenger of Peace

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### **Mornings With** Mommy

Be sure to join us for Mornings with Mommy on Monday, April 6 and Monday, April 20 at 10 am. Register at www.wautomapeacelutheran.org.

#### **Circle of Peace** Sat, April 1 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!



Palm Sunday Sunday, March 29

Worship 9 am

Maundy Thursday Thursday, April 2

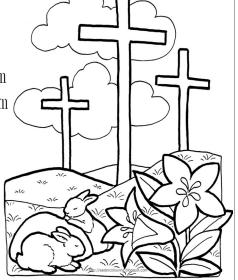
Worship with Holy Communion 12 pm & 7 pm

## Good Friday Friday, April 3

Good Friday Worship 12 pm Tenebrae Worship

## Easter Sunday, April 5

Sunrise Worship 7 am Easter Breakfast 8 am Easter Song Service 9 am





#### **Blue Ribbon Kids' Day**

A Better Tomorrow for All Kids Saturday, April 11, 2015 8:30 am- 12 pm Parkside Middle School 300 S. 16th Ave., Wautoma

Free family fun! Moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas: Bring the kiddos out for a morning of free family fun! Explore the fire house, take a ride on a train, enjoy an ice cream cone and visit all the different booths highlighting family resources in the area. Be sure to pop by the Pioneers and Mornings with Mommy booths!

#### From our Pastor







## Easter is All About You!

"Because I live, you also will live." John 14:19
By: Pastor Norris Baumann

"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 sinravaged 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 if 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 our 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 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.

This article is reprinted from the Lutheran Girl Pioneers publication "The Guide," March-April 2012 edition. "The Guide" is the bi-monthly newsletter for the leaders and pastors involved with the Lutheran Girl Pioneers.

## **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."



#### Why is Jesus' resurrection from the dead significant for me?

It was refreshing, though the situation certainly wasn't. Sandy's mom had spent a wonderful, joy-filled day with her and her ten-month-old daughter. But it took just one moment. What started as a minor health scare quickly escalated, resulting in an emergency trip to the hospital. Less than two days later, Sandy's mother went home to heaven.

They weren't ready to lose her. If they could have their way, she'd still be here. So what was so refreshing? "We ask that God's will be done." "I'm glad she is in Jesus' arms." Throughout the entire tragedy, that's what Sandy wrote.

How could she be so upbeat? In the midst of mourning, she was a modern-day Martha. Martha, fighting through tears for her brother Lazarus, freshly laid in the grave, boldly proclaimed to Jesus, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day" (John 11:24).

#### How could she be so confident? How can I be so confident?

As a result of Adam and Eve's first sin, death was introduced into the world. As a result of sin, I've lost loved ones. As a result of sin, I myself will lose my life one day. And as a result of my sin, God tells me there's only one place where I deserve to go, hell.

#### How can I be so confident?

Because I have a loving Savior. Where I struggle and fail each day to love and obey God, Jesus didn't ever fail. Even when loving God meant dying for me, Jesus obeyed. His love for me took him to the cross. His love has taken away all the guilt of my sins.

#### How can I be so confident?

Because I have a living Savior. Jesus died, but he's not dead. His resurrection is more than just an occasion to commemorate once a year on Easter. It's the proof that Jesus not only forgave my sins and conquered hell, it's also the promise that because he lives, I also will live. When I die, in his loving and living arms, I will live!

Jesus' resurrection gives me confidence. It makes me confident to say, "I know that my Redeemer lives." I am refreshed in every joy and every sorrow because I know that my Redeemer lives. And when at last my earthly journey is done, I will wake to live forever with my Savior because my Redeemer lives.

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



## **WELS News You Can Use**

News from Synod and national & local news that affects lives of Christians.

#### **Events at Immanuel**

1120 Evans Street, Waupaca

#### Pastor Mark Cares to Speak

Immanuel, Greenville and the ladies of the LWMS are privileged to be hosting Pastor Mark Cares of Nampa, Idaho, director of our synod's Truth in Love ministry. We invite you to join us on Thursday, April 16 at 5:30 **pm** as he shares his ministry's goal: to bring as many Mormons as possible to heaven by proclaiming God's wrath and grace with love and respect to the Mormons, and equip others to do the same.

A light lunch will follow and you're invited to stay for worship at 7 pm.

To RSVP, please call Nancy Jahn at 920-779-0453.

#### Kari Belter Returns from CAMM

You are cordially invited to hear Kari Belter at Immanuel on Tuesday, April 28th at 6:30 pm. Kari returns to the United States from Malawi, Africa in April. Refreshments will be served, allowing you time to talk with Kari personally. Meet this Christian nurse whose hands and feet have faithfully served in many roles in Malawi besides nursing. Learn more about the Central Africa Medical Mission (CAMM) truly first hand, fresh "out of Africa."

To RSVP, please call Gail O'Keefe at 715-258-2062.

#### **Cherished Gifts Devotions for Moms by a Mom**

By Katie Martin



Taking care of your kids can be a challenge, especially on those "tear-your-hair out" days. But through it all--screaming, smiling, laughter, and tears--children are an undeniable gift from God. And the best part about being a mom? You don't have to go it alone! God is there every

step of the way. This heartfelt devotional book is a firsthand look at motherhood through the lens of Scripture that every mom will appreciate.

This book is available from Northwestern Publishing House, the publishing house of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Softcover, 5 x 7 inches, 156 pages.

Catalog Item Number: OL-0600746 Price: \$12.99

To order, please visit **Northwestern Publishing House** at 1250 N133th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, visit their website at www.nph.net

#### **Boy and Girl Dioneers Announce Summer Camps**

**Lutheran Boy Pioneers National Camp** 

#### WHEN?



Sunday, July 19- Saturday July 25, 2015 (Full or half week) Junior Leader Training on Sat. July 18,

#### WHERE?

Pineridge Campground, Waldo, WI

#### WHO CAN COME?

Campers: Boys who have completed 3rd grade Junior Leaders: Boys who are confirmed and have attended a previous Camp LP

Senior Leaders: Adults 18 or older

#### **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

Boys: \$175 (full week) \$100 (half week) Junior Leaders: \$90 Adult leaders: no charge

I NEED MORE INFO!

Visit the Boy Pioneers website at www.lutheranpioneers.org, email Activities Team Leader Dan Taubenheim at activities@LutheranPioneers.org or talk to

Pastor Riedel or Kevin Bohn.

Scholarship and fee assistance are available.

#### **Lutheran Girl Pioneers National Camp**

Sunday, July 26-Saturday, August 1,

#### WHERE?

Camp Bird, Crivitz, WI

### WHO CAN COME?

Girls, ages 3rd grade and up!

#### **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

Cost will be announced soon!

#### I NEED MORE INFO!

Visit the Girl Pioneers website at www.lgp.org, email Judy at the National Office at girlpioneers@charter.net or speak with Christine Bohn.



Knock, knock! Who's there?

Show.

Show who?

Show us your talent At the

## Peace Variety Show

Sunday, June 14, 2015 Right after church

Refreshments will be provided

Sign up on the back table in the fellowship hall! See Beth Riedel, Donna McKay, Jan Schroeder or Bernice Baranyk with any questions.

#### **Pioneers Awards Luncheon** Sunday, May 3 **11:30 am**

The entire congregation is invited to join the Lutheran Boy & Girl Pioneers as we end another Pioneers year with a luncheon and awards earned throughout the year on Sunday, May 3 at 11:30 am. If you are planning on attending,

please let any Pioneers leader know

(so we can have enough food!).

Call Christine (920-765-2147) with any questions.



#### Don't Miss It! **Circle of Peace Bake Sale** Sunday, April 26

Before & After the Worship Service

#### **Pioneers Pine Car Derby**

The Boy & Girl Pioneers hosted their ninth annual Pine Car Derby on Sunday, February 22. A HUGE thank you to everyone who brought treats and snacks! Thanks to Connie Odegard, Karen Beyer, Joshua Klamm and Sandra Klamm for being judges. Another thanks to Sandra Klamm for being our MC for the afternoon! Thank you to Jan Schroeder for taking pictures. Everyone who came out had a great time!







#### Thank You!

A HUGE thank you to all of our members who clean the church each week! Your dedication ensures that our church is ready for each service and activity and we appreciate your hard work! If you or your family would like to volunteer to help clean the church, please see Jan Schroeder (920-787-4331). It's not hard and only takes a few hours!

**Pictured**: Hannah Klusmeyer, Donna Kuenn, Don & Helen Timmermann, Rod & Judy Nelson, Tom Kuenn, Bob & Nancy Lang

Cleaners missing from the photo are: Pastor & Verona Kloehn, Kevin, Christine, Rebecca & Emily Bohn, Jim & Jan Schroeder, Ev & Judy Schulz, Darlene Travers, Dorothy Sullivan, and Jim & Karen Mosier.



## 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.

## PLEASE NOTE CHANGES: KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS WILL MEET ON SATURDAYS, APRIL 11 & 25.

They will NOT meet on Saturday, April 4 or Saturday, April 18.

#### LWMS

#### (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society)

Just a reminder: The Spring Rally of the LWMS, Wolf River Circuit, is being held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at St. John's Lutheran Church (Town of Center) rural Appleton. Please check out details on the Rally Posters in church. A sign up sheet is on the back table in the fellowship hall. We are requested to sign up by March 30, however, if you are not sure you can attend by that date, just let me know as soon as you can—they are prepared for a few late attendees. Transportation to the Rally will be provided and we will plan to leave the parking lot of Peace at 7:15 AM on the Rally date. The Rally concludes with a luncheon served at noon, and we will return right after.

As you know from your church envelope packet, there is an envelope in the "March" section designated for LWMS. If you have chosen to contribute in that way, we appreciate that very much. However, if you prefer to contribute using your little "Mission Boxes", we appreciate that too!! Collection of that contribution will be taken on Palm Sunday, March 29, in the fellowship hall before and after service.

Please really consider attending this Rally. Those of you that attended the last Rally held here at Peace, know how we all receive news and information regarding our Home and World Missions. What a blessing our missionaries are, reaching people who want and need the true milk of the Word. In His Service, Marilynn Chesbrough, Reporter

#### **Easter Flowers**

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar for Easter, please see the order form hanging by the flower chart by Pastor's



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## **News About Our Church Family**

#### **Everyone A Missionary**

Imagine that you were the only person on planet Earth (out of 7.125 billion people) to know about Jesus. If you told just 2 people on day 1, then 3 of you would know. If the 3 of you would then tell 2 more people each on day 2, then 9 of you would know. If that pattern continued, could you guess how long it would take for the entire population on our planet to hear the good news of God's saving love in Jesus?

Millions of years? Nope.

Thousands of years? Sorry.

Hundreds of years? Keep going.

Dozens of years? No.

A year? Not yet.

A month? Getting warmer.

21 days! Can you believe it? The Word could spread that fast! So, God, help us to be your missionaries

to this desperate world!





#### Birthdays

- 4/1 Bernice Baranyk Ryan Peterson
- 4/2 Teri Jo Fendler
- 4/4 Cindy Roebke Steve Jansen
- 4/6 Emily McLeod
- 4/8 Ole Anderson
- 4/10 Hannah Klusmeyer Jackson Wedell
- 4/12 Bea Broehm
- 4/13 Bailey Blader-Lucht
- 4/15 Pat Campbell Nancy Klusmeyer <sup>©</sup>
- 4/16 Brooke Blader-Lucht
- 4/21 Ardis Spuhler
- 4/24 Roger Odegard
- 4/27 Darlene Jansen
- 4/28 Rebecka Richards
- 4/29 Morgan Rohrbaugh

#### Anniversaries

- 2/4 Everett & Judy Schulz (45)
- 4/8 Dick & Chris Anderson (43)
- 1/22 Roger & Darlene Jansen (48)
- 1/25 Harry & Jeannette Thom (62)



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!

