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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.

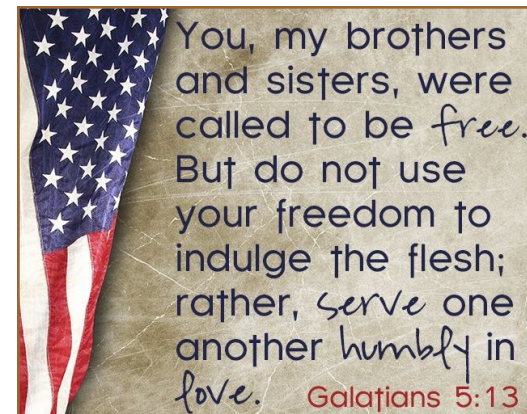



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Peace Lutheran Church Library

Summer Story Hour

Tuesdays, July 14 & 28 at 10 am
 Tuesday, August 11 at 10 am



Children up to 3rd grade and their parents are invited to join us for Summer Story Hour in the church library! Come hear some great books, make a craft, sing a song, play a game and have a snack- all for FREE! Bring a friend. Mark your calendars and join us! Please see Emily Rose (787-7078) or Emily Diane (920-765-2147) with questions.



We Are God's Masterpiece

Monday, July 6- Friday, July 10 9 am- 12:30 pm

"We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago." -Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

All kids, ages 4K and up (under 4 are welcome with a parent), are invited to join us for this summer's Vacation Bible School. Learn about how YOU are God's masterpiece! Invite a friend! Lunch is included and this week is FREE!

If you want to help with VBS, please see the sign up sheets on the back table in the fellowship hall.

See Beth Riedel (920-787-7078) or Abnsharee Klusmeyer (920-539-3560) for more information.

Free Love

For those of you who remember the 1960's and 1970's, the term "free love" carries the connotation of unfettered sexual relationships. In other words, in regard to an individual's sex life, anything goes. While we might think of the 60's and 70's in connection with this phrase, you can trace this "free love" mindset back to its roots at the time of the very first sin committed by our first ancestors in God's once-perfect garden. Spanning the approximately 6,000 years of world history, the "free love" movement can perhaps best be summarized in this way: "I am going to do whatever I want with my sexual body, despite God's plan of one man and one woman in marriage for life."

I'm sure that you have noticed what is being flaunted as "love" these days. It's this pseudo free love - committed sexual relationships outside of marriage; homosexuality and lesbianism; lust; masturbation; pornography; prostitution; sexual relationships without commitment; transgenderism; and the list goes on. Sexual love in our society is often reduced to a frighteningly cheap imitation of the intimate, God-pleasing relationship that it is meant to be. The sinful mind has twisted love into a veritable smorgasbord of perversions, which fly in the face of our perfect God and His perfect formula for male and female sexual relations within the boundaries of a committed, marital relationship.

Whether we are married or single, heterosexual or otherwise, male or female, we all have a record of wrongs we ought to bring in humble confession to our holy God. All have sinned...and we all desperately need a purer love than this world offers.

Regarding the topic of love, let's change it up a little.

At the time of this writing, I am preparing to celebrate our country's Independence Day. I cannot help but think about the love of those who died fighting for our freedoms, and those who are still willing to put their lives on the line for our cherished liberties. Please join with me in thanking God for faithful members of the police departments, branches of the military, and other areas of public service whose careers place themselves in harm's way to freely and lovingly work to ensure safety for us and for the citizens of this great land.

But there is a love freely given that outshines our Fourth of July celebrations.

Read Romans 5:7-8 (NIV1984).

Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

If you want to discuss the topic of free love, there is no purer example than Christ's love for us fallen sinners. There is no reason that our holy God should love us. We sin against God, against our bodies, against one another every day. There are no redeeming qualities in us, but Jesus spent His life and then gave it up in pursuit of redeeming us from sin and hell. One-sided, selfless, undeserved, sacrificial love is what our Savior heaped on us when He cried out under the load of our sins as He hung on the cross. It is grace, and grace alone, that God punished His Son in our place. Free love is what we enjoy from our gracious Lord - forgiveness of sins, the salvation of our souls, never-ending life in heaven.

The love of God turns our hearts from focusing inward to outward and upward. We are able to love because the good Lord has loved us first. God's love, freely given to us sinners, enables us to serve and honor Him. God's free love in Christ empowers us to follow His directives concerning love, marriage, and sexuality in our human relationships. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will grow in our appreciation for God's amazing grace to us, and reflect His love to those around us, boldly proclaiming Christ's love which transcends all human understanding to a world that has no idea what free love is.

Pastor Roger Riedel

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."



Do We Have Guardian Angels?

Swim at Your Own Risk. No Lifeguard on Duty.

Those words might sound a bit perilous to a parent whose teenager is spending a lazy summer day at a lesser known beach. But to the teenager, the words call out, "Freedom!" No authorities within sight to spoil the fun. Now that's a good time! Until help is needed.

Like lifeguards, God's angels watch over us. Angels are spirit beings, without the earthly limitations of physical form, created by God as his agents for earthly missions. **"For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways"** (Psalm 91:11).

Angels have been, and will continue to be, sent by God to battle evil and frustrate the ways of the wicked. For example, angels appeared in the ancient cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to announce their doom (Genesis 19). This mission of justice, though, falls in line with a greater purpose for which angels are created and called. **"Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?"** (Hebrews 1:14)

Just like we believe in a God whom we cannot see, we believe in angels whom we cannot see because the Bible convinces us so. Just like God cares for all people, but shows special attention to his children who love and believe in him, angels show the same special attention to believers. Every believer. Every minute. "Sent to serve."

Is there a specific angel, a guardian angel, assigned to each believer? Jesus once taught about the care of God for children when he said that **"their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven"** (Matthew 18:10). That doesn't necessarily mean that one, specific angel is assigned to a believer for life, but it does mean that there are plenty of angels around and assigned to help. Also, those angels are holy, they are heavenly, and cannot lead us astray.

So put your faith in God to forgive you, bless you, and to take care of you not only with normal circumstances like lifeguards or a job, but also in his invisible, miraculous ways like sending angels. He remains superior to angels, by the way, so only God deserves your praise and prayers.

The Bible says that even angels praise him (Psalm 148:2)!

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



Join us for the first livestream event from the
WELS Historical Institute
"The War to End All Germans"

Please join the WELS Historical Institute for a livestream event by Stephen Gurgel as he presents, "The War to End All Germans" on **Thursday, August 6 at 8 pm.**

Visitors to our churches are a regular occurrence during any year. During the First World War, however, some of these visitors arrived as undercover federal agents on a search for treason. For many agents, "reasonable acts" included not preaching the "Gospel of the War Bond" in the sermon or failing to exhort young men to enlist. Because of these omissions, many of the Wisconsin Synod's pastors received special attention from the Bureau of Investigation. Whenever pastors or synod members spoke something unpleasing to an agent's ears--as in New Ulm, Minnesota--the consequences were swift and total.

During his work for his Master's Thesis in History, Stephen Gurgel extensively searched through old government documents and told their stories--stories of deceit, arrests, undercover missions, and government searches of churches and homes. The response of our synod ranges from sad to humorous to inspiring. Join the event at www.livestream.com/welslive. For more information visit www.welshistory.org, or email welshistory@gmail.com.

Builders for Christ

Builders For Christ is currently working with Shepherd of the Hills in Duluth, MN to help expand their church and needs your help!

Project: 8500 sq foot addition for fellowship & education and remodel of 1500 sq foot existing building

Dates: June 1-Sept 18, 2015

Where: Duluth, MN

How Many Volunteers: 20-25

THE WORK: framing, windows, hang doors, siding, fascia & soffit, insulation, drywall, interior finishing, painting



This is a mission re-start. Since 2005, when the church began, membership has grown by nearly 200 souls. The preschool and ministry programs have outgrown their space and additional space is needed to accommodate this rate of growth. There is not a WELS or ELS church within 100 miles.

Apply at www.kingdomworkers.com/apply.php

2nd Annual
WELS Night at Miller Park
Friday, August 14 7:10 pm

Up to 50% off tickets!
 Field Outfield Box \$21
 Loge Outfield Box \$17
 Terrace Reserved \$9

Join other WELS churches for a fun night of fellowship and baseball!

Tickets can be purchased at brewers.com/wels.

Deadline to purchase Monday, August 3.

New this year! President Mark Schroeder will throw out the first ceremonial pitch and Brian Davison, lead singer of Koine, will be singing the National Anthem!

For more information, or to order 20+ tickets, please contact Jason at 414-902-4516 or jason.fry@brewers.com.



**Save the date for our
 2016 Women's Ministry Conference!**

Lead. Serve. Inspired.

The Women's Ministry Conference team is making final arrangements for speakers, breakout groups, and panel discussions for the **2016 Women's Ministry Conference** taking place **July 21-23, 2016** at **Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin.**

Please join us in praying that our highest priority be to design a Christ-centered, Biblically-based conference for women. Pray that the Holy Spirit work through the Word to encourage, nurture, and equip each woman in attendance to use their time and talents in service to God.

We will keep you informed of details in the months ahead!

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Peace Variety Show

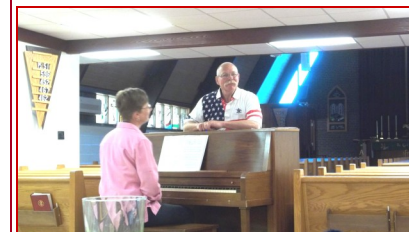
Following appetizers and fellowship, the variety show began! Thanks to all our performers, our sound and tech guy, Kevin Bohn, our planning committee, Bernice Baranyk, Jan Schroeder, Donna McKay, and Beth Riedel, and our MC, Jan Schroeder.



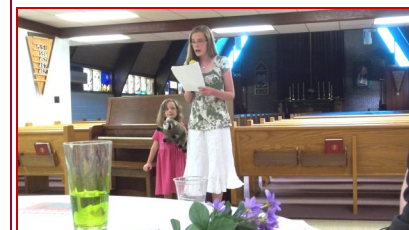
Crazy Clarence and the Jazzy Duo starring Beth, Susan and Mary Riedel as Crazy Clarence.



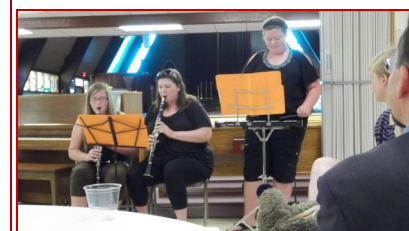
The Peace Lutheran Pioneers Skits starring Sam Riedel, Susan Riedel, Emily Bohn, Rebecca Bohn, Emily Riedel & Mary Riedel



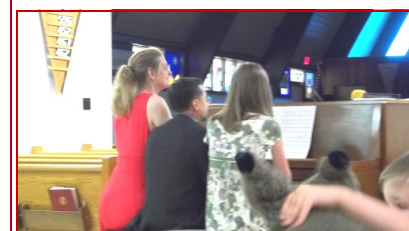
A Visit from Tom & Donna Kuenn



A dramatic reading by Emily Rose



The musical musings of The Bohn Trio starring Emily, Christine and Rebecca Bohn



A piano trio starring Beth and Emily Riedel, with guest pianist, Pastor Riedel.

Thanks to all who came to the Variety Show!

You're Invited!



Everyone is welcome to join the ladies' Circle of Peace on an outing to the Paine Art Center & Gardens, Oshkosh, on Wednesday, July 15. We will be leaving at church at 9 am and will carpool to the Paine's "Downton Abby" Costumes Exhibit and then we will enjoy lunch at Robbin's.

Please sign up on the sheet on the back table in the fellowship hall if you plan on attending. Please see Jan Schroeder (920-787-4331) for more information.

Church Picnic

On Sunday, June 28, we held our church picnic at Camp Phillip. After a wonderful worship service led by Pastor Klusmeyer, camp director, we enjoyed our picnic. Even though the rain kept us inside, everyone still had a great time! Thanks to Camp Phillip for hosting us! Thanks to Kevin Bohn for grilling. Thanks to Everett Schulz for planning the picnic.





Pioneers Camp Out

On June 26-28, the Peace Pioneers held their annual camp out at Camp Phillip. We were joined by our friends from the Trinity, Marshfield Pioneers. We had record numbers for attendance this year- 56 total people joined us: 35 Pioneers (14 from Marshfield, 21 from Peace), 16 parents and leaders, and 5 children under 5 years old. We had 18 tents and two campers set up around our campsite. It was a fantastic weekend filled with fabulous food, games led by our two junior leaders, Rebecca Bohn & Emily Riedel, team challenges, a nature hike and low ropes course, free time (but not much!), lake time, skits, and a great campfire led by Camp Phillip staff. We closed our weekend with the church picnic (sorry for the rain- the Pioneers seem to bring it with them to Camp each year!). **Thanks to all who donated milk jugs- the milk jug races were a total hit!**



Andrew & Ethan
Annie, Mary, Ayva
Pastor Riedel & Pastor Klusmeyer
Sammy, Alex, Blake, Hunter, Sam, & TJ
Lucy & Kali
Nathan & Kevin
Susan, Kari, EmR, Cassidy, Ava, Lily
Becca, Emily Rose, Emily B, Susan
Em B, Andrew & Rachel
Bible Study
Boat Races!
Hunter, Kaleb, Karri, Cassidy
Boat Races!
Sam & Matthew
Nature Hike
Hunter & TJ
Mike H, Mike S & Kevin making hobo dinners
This cutie is Annie from Marshfield
Becca & Ahnsharee

Back row: Ethan, Andrew, Mike S, Juli, Alex, Beth, Emily Rose, Becca, Kevin, Christine **Middle Row:** Emily Bohn, Sam, Taylor, Katie, Ayva, Karrigan, Korrina **Middle Front Row:** Matthew, Blake, Ray, Kaleb, Susan, Melissa, Ava, Hunter, Kali, Sammy, Kim, Roy & Pastor **Front Row:** Cy, Hannah, Ella, Mary, Joey, Emilie, Kameron, Stephanie, TJ, Reid, Pastor **Missing:** Sarah, Eric, Annie B., Rachel, Annie L., Lucy, Grant, Ahnsharee, Nathan, Michelle, Tim, Cassidy, Stephanie H., Mike H., Maverick & Emmitt

For more pictures and information about Camp, please pick up a copy of the 2015 Camp Book from the back table in the fellowship hall.

Pioneers Paint Class

On June 6, the Pioneers went to paint class (actually, paint class came to us!). Led by Valerie Bloom, we each painted a beautiful and unique picture.

Back Row: Instructor Valerie Bloom, Beth Riedel, Emily Bohn, Rebecca Bohn, Emily Riedel, Sam Riedel, Christine Bohn
Front Row: Susan Riedel, Mary Riedel, Kaliska Klusmeyer, Lucy Hansen, Hunter Thomas



Dealing With Suicide Workshop at Peace

Pastor Ken Wenzel, chaplain for Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministry (WLIM) and UW Hospital in Madison, will present a 3-hour seminar on the topic of suicide. The program will include videos, Bible study, and handouts. Chaplain Wenzel is certified in teaching a national prevention program. This will be open to anyone, so please feel free to invite a friend. Please register by calling the church office at 920-787-3856.

Date: Saturday, August 1, 2015
Time: 9 am-12 pm
Place: Peace, Wautoma
Topic: Dealing with Suicide

There is no cost to attendees, but you may contribute to a freewill offering to help cover the cost of coffee & doughnuts. Everyone, teenage and up, is invited to attend. Please see Pastor Riedel with any questions or concerns.



Pioneers Friends & Family Day

Sunday, August 2, 2015 11 am
This is a day we celebrate
Pioneers Friends & Families!

All Pioneer friends and families are 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 2 at 11 am**. It's our way of saying "THANK YOU!" for all your support of this vital ministry!

We will have a potluck cook-out. The Pioneers will supply brats, hamburgers, buns, dessert and drinks.

Please bring a salad or other side, your swimsuit and a towel.

Please RSVP your intent to Christine at 920-787-3856 by July 26.



Birthdays

- 7/3 Pastor Riedel
- 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 RaeAnn Bower
- 7/21 Ken Kasper
- 7/24 Richard Vollrath
- 7/28 Allen Treichel
- 7/28 Bob Lang
- 7/30 Jeannette Thom

Anniversaries

- 7/10 Allen & Marion Treichel (60)
- 7/13 Leonard & Mary McKay (52)
- 7/22 Bob & Dawn Wedell (37)
- 7/24 Herb & Virginia Vogel (61)
- 7/25 Harold & Linda Stechmesser (23)
- 7/31 Clifford & Delores Bliske (50)

F.Y.I. 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.

