

# ***DARING GREATLY***

## **IN LENT**

*Wednesday evenings in Lent*

*6:30PM Worship | 7:00PM Small Groups*

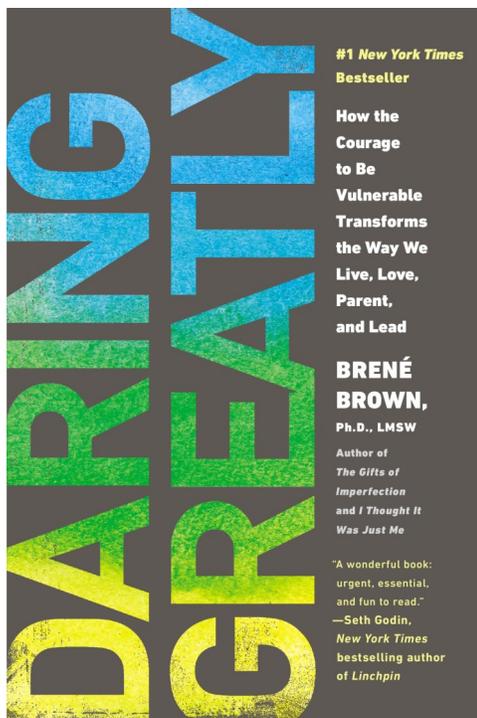
Wednesdays will be guided by both a Bible reading and a selection from Brené Brown's book, *Daring Greatly*. Worship will use *Worship Around the Cross*, a Holden Village creation, featuring Taize music and reflective candle lighting time. Worship will conclude with a video from Brené Brown to prepare people for their small groups which will include discussion and reflection. Childcare is provided during both worship and Small Groups.

### **Join a Small Group:**

Sign-up begins Sunday, January 17.

### **Buy the Book:**

Starting Sunday, January 24, *Daring Greatly* will be available for purchase.



## **PLANNING WORKSHOP: LIVING INTO GOD'S FUTURE**

*Saturday, January 23*

*8:30AM - 3:30PM*

Peace Lutheran is at a pivotal time. For the last 37 years Peace has been a wonderful place of community and mission. Now Peace is discerning God's continued call for the future. God works through each person who is part of the ministry. All are invited to join in the planning and preparation by participating in this workshop. Eva Jensen, certified Organizational Development Consultant and ELCA pastor, will facilitate during the day, as concerns are identified, consensus is built, actions are aligned and implementation is determined. These goals will be achieved by developing a shared story of the history of Peace and creating a realistic 9 month action plan for each of the top 3 priorities identified in the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT). These priorities are:

1. Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church.
2. Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church.
3. Deepen our sense of connection to God and one another through stronger worship services.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Judy: [judy@peaceofplymouth.org](mailto:judy@peaceofplymouth.org) or 763.478.9406

## COUNCIL COLUMN

*Notes from the December 8 meeting:*

The December council meeting was called to order at 7:30pm, with all members present. After devotions (led by Chris Bacon), the November minutes and treasurer's report were approved. Although October and November receipts were a little low, year to date we're just 1% below budget. Lance Novak presented a draft budget for 2016. There has been an increase in giving by members who pledged – thank you! The council thanks Lance Novak for his diligent work on the finances of our church. On January 24th there will be an Adult Forum where the proposed budget will be presented at 10:00am. The Annual Meeting will be on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am. Committee reports were accepted as previously submitted. The council adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:45pm. Full, approved meeting minutes can be found in the meeting minute binder in the church office.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Joni Sutton*

*Secretary*

### Peace Notes

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# Connect-the-Dots™



Peace will be participating in the Connect-the-Dots™ program during January and February. Youth and adults will work together in this intergenerational program to strengthen relationships, empower one another and grow in stewardship for all of God's creation. While laughing and playing together, people name God-given gifts, understand the

interconnection of earth's systems, practice engineering language and learn together from mistakes. Connect-the-Dots™ is an experience in blending Lutheran theology with climate science, community, and environmental stewardship. It works to break down the false dichotomy between faith and science. There are six steps the congregation will move through together. The first three steps teach creation care, systems & strengths, and climate change. The last three steps empower people in introducing an environmental stewardship project for their church in which they plan it, build it and polish it. Participants will use the engineering design process to find a "green" need for their church and community, research it and match up their strengths to then create a solution. As we move through the 6 steps, these stories will be shared in various ways with Peace and the broader community. Here's how to participate:

### **Step 1: Sunday, January 10, 10:00AM**

*Environmental Stewardship Forum & activities*

### **Step 2: Wednesday, January 13, 6:00PM**

*Study Matthew 16, explore vocation*

### **Step 3: Sunday, January 24, 10:00AM**

*Hands-on forum about creation care, climate change and "5 R's"*

### **Step 4: Wednesday, January 20, 6:00PM**

*Explore engineering design process, brainstorm project ideas*

### **Step 5: Wednesday, January 27, 6:00PM**

*Use strengths, creativity and problem solving to plan project*

### **Step 6: Wednesday, February 3, 6:00PM**

*Complete project and create video to share creation care story*

## PARISH NURSE NEWS

The New Year is a time to step back and reflect on many parts of our lives, our health and our faith. As the New Year begins consider asking yourself these questions:

- *What is God calling me to do this year to spread love, joy and grace?*
- *What is God calling me to do this year to take better care of myself?*
- *What do I need to do to improve my physical, emotional, spiritual or financial well-being?*

Each of us could easily identify one small step we could take in 2016 to improve our lives. How can we avoid the common trap of falling back into the status quo of the same life patterns? Identify a small goal (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant with a time-frame). Here are some suggestions:

- I will talk with God every day for 2 minutes starting Jan. 1.
- I will reduce my intake of sugared beverages by 1 can/day starting Jan. 1
- I will walk 10 minutes a day five times a week starting Jan. 1.
- I will reduce my TV or computer time by 30 minutes a day starting Jan. 1

It may be helpful to tell someone about your goal and ask him/her to help remind and encourage you. Don't be discouraged if you miss a day, just start over the next day and pray that God will help you make this change in your life.

Happy New Year!  
Sondra



**Sunday, March 6, 2016**

This is a great opportunity to serve God by focusing on our physical, emotional and spiritual health and the perfect time to help you stick to your goals. Watch for more information soon!

**2016 Budget Meeting**

*Sunday, January 24*  
*10:00AM*

**2016 Annual Meeting**

*Sunday, January 31*  
*10:00AM*

## Women's Christmas Tea 2015

*"Thank you for letting me be part of the tea. It completely rejuvenated me and allowed me to leave with a new outlook. I think I came in as someone with tribulations getting the best of me but Sondra's talk definitely had me leaving full of joy."*



# HOT SHEET

## JANUARY

What's hot and happenin' at Peace?

### Blood Drive

Wednesday,  
January 13  
3:30-6:30PM

Sign up each Sunday  
after worship at the  
information desk or  
contact Pam Jette at:  
612.986.5898 or  
pamjette@hotmail.com



**Memorial**  
BLOOD CENTERS



### Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Sunday, January 24, 5:00-7:00PM

Years ago, this dinner started with 5 families and has since grown to an attendance of over 100 people! This event raises support for children and family ministry programs at Peace. All proceeds will go towards the summer youth trip scholarship fund, Day Camp and Family Camp. Youth will donate hand-made items for the Silent Auction and others are encouraged to create something from items you already have at home. Try not to buy anything new for your project! Donations for the Silent Auction and Bake Sale can be dropped off at the church office no later than Sunday, January 17.

### Lenten Worship Planning Group

Sunday, January 3, 10:00AM

Join Pastors Emily and Kjell in looking at the worship themes for Lent and share your ideas about the connections between the rhythms of Lent and Brené Brown's book, *Daring Greatly*.



**MEN'S  
PRAYER  
BREAKFAST**

Monday, January 11, 7:00am  
Panera on Hwy 24 and Hwy 55

All men are invited to participate in this group that is seeking ways to live out faith in daily life. Participants will eat breakfast, read scripture and make connections to work, home, community and congregation.

### Epiphany Contemplative Mini-Retreat

Wednesday, January 6, 6:00-7:30PM

Join Pastor of Life-Long Faith Formation, Emily Meyer, in an evening of Contemplative Prayer. This is an ancient discipline amongst Christians, who have joined people from other faiths around the world in creating countless practices to deepen their relationship with God by intentionally creating moments of silence to listen for God's presence in their daily lives. Let this be a mini-retreat for you, to close out the busy Christmas Season.

*Be still  
and know  
that I am  
God*  
-PSALM 46:10

## **“Islam 101” Forum and Partnership**

**Sunday, January 17, 10:00AM**

What does the Islamic faith teach? How can we partner with our Muslim neighbors? All are welcome to join in conversation around these questions as Peace partners with the Islamic Resource Group and the Northwest Islamic Community Center to learn more from our neighbors of a different faith tradition.

