



Peace Notes

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Peace Houses Families in Need: Families Moving Forward

October 11-18

Since 1993, Peace has been one of 65 partner congregations in the Twin Cities metro area for the Families Moving Forward (FMF) program. Through FMF, congregations take turns opening their doors, providing a safe and comforting place for families experiencing homelessness. In the past, many guests have mentioned how Peace is a favorite place to stay, due to the wonderful people and hospitality. Especially for children, the playground, nursery and individual rooms create a very positive environment.

The hands that have prepared countless meals, ears that have listened to difficult stories, and hearts that have poured time and energy into FMF are a testament to the people of Peace putting their faith into action. For over twenty years the people of Peace have been a beacon of Christ's light for others, and made an impact in the community. As one of the FMF guests said, "The huge number of people from Peace who are volunteering their time gives me inspiration to be involved in the church and the community."

Peace will be hosting families from the FMF program again this year, October 11-18. Consider being a part of this community ministry! Sign-up sheets for hosting and cooking are in the narthex.

"Through this ministry, I have found out how similar we all are. It has given me the opportunity to form relationships with people from different life experiences."
— Jean Swanson

"This was a great way to serve as a family. We got to know other people from Peace better, and it was amazing to watch all of the young people at Peace become involved in the program, and be excited to come back year after year."
— Jan Mostrom

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Reformation Sunday & Harvest Fest!

Sunday, October 25

Worship at 9:00 AM;

Harvest Fest at 10:00 AM

A Harvest celebration is a great time to consider the Spirit's on-going re-formation of us as church and individuals. What fruits are we called to bear, today? What seeds are we sowing for the future? So mark your calendars and join in the celebration of our summer gardens; giving thanks for all God's good gifts with a joyful time of food and games for all.

COUNCIL COLUMN

Notes from the September 8 meeting:

Treasurer Lance Novak reported that our year-to-date giving continued ahead of budget in August and overall expenses are tracking to plan. However, to help with the approved budget deficit, he recommends the Building Committee reduce repairs and maintenance spending by about \$5,000. The projected year-end cash balance is \$12,000.

An updated Lead Pastor job description was created and approved by Council. Also, the Church Assessment Tool planning and analysis timeline was discussed. Pastor Kjell reported plans for a fall Stewardship Drive. Also, Pastor Emily is working with committees to create a multigenerational Sunday School and Confirmation curriculum.

Full Council minutes are in a binder in the church office.

CAT FEEDBACK

Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 PM

All committee members are encouraged to join Pastor Tom Olson as he interprets the CAT data and leads conversation about what these findings mean for the mission of Peace.

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Drug Abuse Forum

Sunday, October 18

Hennepin County Sheriff Richard Stanek will speak at Peace for an educational forum about Drug Abuse and Prevention. After worship, the Sheriff, a 30-year veteran of law enforcement, will share stories and statistics about how drugs are impacting our communities and families — and how you can make a difference! There will also be a medicine collection, so bring your expired or unwanted medications to dispose of that morning.

You're Invited to Share Your Musical and Artistic Talents!

Fall is here and with it comes a number of opportunities to celebrate our Lord through worship. There are many ways to be involved with musical groups, including: Senior Choir, Children's Choir, Celebration Singers and Handbell ensembles. There are also seasonal ensembles, if you are looking for a shorter time commitment.

Vocal music isn't your forte? Musical instruments are welcome too!

In addition to the musical ways we worship, Peace is excited to include other creativity in worship: artistic banners, sculpture, tapestry, fabric and more. For more information, ideas, or questions, contact the music staff.

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Looking Out for the Children



MINNEAPOLIS CRISIS NURSERY SPEAKER AT PEACE

Sunday, October 4

Raising children is full of joy (and also some challenges). But imagine if you were in a situation where you had lost your job, money was tight, it was an effort to feed and clothe your children and you didn't know which way to turn. The Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery (GMCN) is an organization whose mission is to end child abuse and neglect and create strong, healthy families. The Health Ministry at Peace invites you to attend an Adult Forum on Sunday, October 4 provided by the Crisis Nursery to learn more about its many programs. One of these programs is a 24 hour crisis line for parents with young children who are facing crises in their lives, and concerned that their stress could result in harm to their children. The Crisis Nursery is available to help these parents in many ways including: counseling, support and even a residential option where their children (ages 0-6 years) can be temporarily cared for in a healthy environment.

Laura Castle, Peace's new Communication Specialist, spends time volunteering at the Crisis Nursery:

"I spend time at the GMCN as a child care volunteer two mornings a month. I have spent much of my life working with children in various educational and ministry based settings — and the children at the nursery are no different than most — they want and need someone to love and pay attention to them. The nursery is a place where they can receive this love and care in a positive environment. It's been refreshing to be part of an organization that values the development of each individual child, and promotes resiliency within families."

At the forum on Sunday, October 4, led by a GMCN staff member, learn more about this important ministry to our community and ways you might be able to help. Please attend!

Welcome Sunday Scavenger Hunt





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Saturday, November 7

Mark your calendar for this super-fun intergenerational event! We'll join IOCP in raising funds and awareness by sleeping outside. Lots of ways — and times — to participate for ALL AGES!!! The Annual IOCP Sleep Out — it's not just for teenagers, anymore!!



AGAPE* CD RELEASE PARTY!!

Sunday, October 25 from 4:00–6:00 PM

Confirmation and high school youth are invited to party with Agape* as he releases his new album, "Enough."

Agape* was a featured musician/rapper at this summer's ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit; he wrote the theme song, "Rise Up." It's going to be a blast!!! Invite your friends! Let Emily know, ASAP, if you want to go so we can get tickets — group discount! Watch for details about going together and check out Agape*'s website, hiphopoutreach.com, for full details of the event.

OCTOBER

hot sheet

What's hot and happenin' at Peace!



Become a Worship Leader!

Youth had fun learning about being leaders in worship at the training on September 20. We talked about what worship leadership means, our attitude as leaders and how to carry out specific roles such as acolytes, basket holders, processional leaders and readers. People of all ages are invited to take on these and other leadership roles throughout the coming year. To sign up, look for an email from Rachel Brolin or go to the Peace website and click on the SignUpGenius link.

EXPIRED MEDICINE COLLECTION

Sunday, October 18 at 10:00 AM

Bring expired prescription medicines, over-the-counter, vitamins, supplements and pet medicines to be thrown away safely.

Welcome Class for New Members

Sunday, November 1 at 10:00 AM

Interested in becoming a member of Peace Lutheran? Please join us! Childcare will be available.

Confirmation—What's in Store

Confirmation is going semi-intergenerational: Some nights we'll have our high school mentors with us; some nights we'll meet with the adults for Bible Study. Some Sundays we'll work with the Sunday School kids. It's a toss-up — you've got to be here each Sunday and Wednesday to find out what's happening next!

MOST of the time, we'll follow these schedules:

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:00	Worship	Sanctuary
10:00	Warm-ups / Movement / Games	Fellowship Hall
10:10	Opening Time: Song & Theme Presentation	Sanctuary
10:25	Speed Highs & Lows	Sanctuary
10:30	Review Sermon / Text from this Morning: Small or Large Group Lesson Time	Various Locations
10:45	Read Text & Write Prayer for Next Sunday	Various Locations
11:00	Closing Song & Prayer with Everyone	Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:15	Dinner	Fellowship Hall
5:50	Read Text & Pray	Fellowship Hall
5:55	Announcements: Who Will be Where & Transition Time	Fellowship Hall

"A" NIGHTS

6:00	Confirmation and/or HS: Warm-ups / Movement	Activity Room
6:10	Check-in: Highs & Lows / Small Groups	Activity Room
6:30	Quiet Time	Activity Room
6:45	Learning Time: Read Text Again / Questions & Answers Time: Stump the Pastor	Activity Room
7:10	Prep for Worship: Write Prayer and/or Other Worship Leadership Piece	Activity Room
7:25	Closing / Sending / Blessing / Song	Activity Room

— OR —

"B" NIGHTS

6:00	Confirmation & HS Join Adult Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Check-in: Highs & Lows	Activity Room
7:20	Quiet Time & Closing Prayer	Activity Room



Women's Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 5 from 3:00–5:00 PM

Save the date! Mark your calendars.
Invite your friends!

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2 Office closed	3
4 9am: Worship 10am: Sunday School 10am: Crisis Nursery Forum	5 8am: Romeo 5:30pm: Yoga Devotion	6 10am: Faithfully Fit 6pm: Executive Committee Meeting 7pm: Committee Night	7 PeaceFull Night 5:15pm: Dinner 6pm: Confirmation/ Bible Study 6:45pm: Celebration Singers 7:45pm: Handbell & Senior Choir	8 9am: Quilting	9 Office closed	10
11 9am Worship 10am: Sunday School Families Moving Forward (through Oct. 18)	12	13 12:30pm: Staff Meeting 12:30pm: Faith & Hope Circle	14 No PeaceFull Night 6:45pm: Celebration Singers 7:45pm: Handbell & Senior Choir	15 12pm: Newsletter deadline	16 Office closed	17
18 9am Worship 10am: No Sunday School 10am: Drug Abuse Forum & Expired Medicine Collection	19 5:30pm: Yoga Devotion	20 12:30pm: Staff Meeting 7pm: CAT analysis (Council & Committees)	21 8am: Women's Breakfast 5:15pm: Dinner 6pm: Confirmation/ Bible Study 6:45pm: Celebration Singers 7:45pm: Handbell & Senior Choir	22 9am: Quilting	23 Office closed	24
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Check online for most updated calendar: www.peaceofplymouth.org/news-events/calendar

The Qué Tal Language Program Monday—Thursday 2:20 - 5:30pm
TreeHouse Tuesday and Thursday 5:00-9:00 pm



Sunday Worship

October 4—Exodus 1:1-14, 1:15-2:10, 3:1-5
9:00am: Worship with Holy Communion
10:00am: Minneapolis Crisis Nursery Forum

October 11—Deuteronomy 5: 1-21; 6: 4-6
9:00am: Worship
10:00am: Families Moving Forward Set-up

October 18—Ruth 1:1-17
9:00am: Worship with Holy Communion
10am: Drug Abuse Forum with Sherriff Stanek & Expired Medication Collection
No Sunday School

October 25—Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5; Psalm 150
9:00am: Worship-Reformation Sunday & Stewardship Kick-off
10:00am: Harvest Festival!