



Peace Notes

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Welcome Sunday: September 13

Invite Your Friends & Neighbors & Kick-Off a Year of Learning, Serving & Growing – Together!!!

We start the year in worship with a focus on “The Importance of Names,” and then an all-ages Treasure Hunt will help us learn one another’s names (everyone!!!) and the names and places of Peace. We’ll enjoy an extra-special snack and share God’s gracious welcome.

Sunday School Registration

After the all-congregation Treasure Hunt we’ll have info, calendar and registration for Sunday school families. WELCOME, EVERYONE!!!

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Planning Our Future Together

You are invited to complete the Church Assessment Tool (CAT), an online instrument that will help leaders gauge the strength, vitality and trends in our church. The information gained from this assessment will be valuable in helping Peace make decisions about the future.

On September 13, you will receive an email with a unique link to the CAT. We are asking you to go online by clicking on the link provided and tell us about your experiences in and priorities for our church. If you need a paper copy, please come to the office and we will provide one for you, or you can come to church on Tuesday, September 15 at 11:00 AM for assistance.

All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions and experiences. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

Have You Wanted to Read Through the Bible?

Join in as Peace reads the Bible in nine months of worship. Starting Welcome Sunday with Genesis 2:4-25: “The Importance of Names,” Peace begins a journey that gives a fuller picture of God’s work in the world, helping people know the arc of the Biblical story and strengthening faith.

COUNCIL COLUMN

Notes from the August 11 meeting:

Treasurer Lance Novak reported that receipts are ahead of budget through July. Our overall expenses are according to plan. We reflected on the meeting with committee members where we asked, "What is God calling Peace to be passionate about?" The Church Assessment Tool (CAT) will also get at the question and the whole congregation will give input starting Sunday, September 13.

Pastor Kjell gave an update on the Communication Specialist position: The search team (Pastor Kjell, Annie Bonow and Sarah Kerbeshian) reviewed over a dozen candidates and interviewed three. A motion was made and approved to authorize the search team to extend an offer to Laura Castle.

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



Welcome Laura Castle, Communications Specialist!

Peace is excited to announce Laura's addition to the Peace staff. Laura is a graduate of Concordia College and has most recently managed the communications, marketing and training for Lutheran Social Services' Camp Noah program. Laura grew up in northern Minnesota and says her best day is one spent in the Boundary Waters. Laura's energy, attention to detail and experience with communications, particularly online and social media, makes her a wonderful addition to the staff. Meet her on Committee Night September 1 at 7:00 PM.



Organ Update

Work on the organ began on August 21, with the removal of one "key board" of pipes. We expect most of the repairs to be completed by the end of the year.

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Peace Camps

Almost thirty people enjoyed the mid-August heat and sun on Lake Wapogasset near Amery, WI. Friday night people gathered for a centering prayer, followed by relaxed conversations. Saturday included time to connect while horseback riding, hiking, studying Scripture, creating art and much more. Evening worship was around a roaring campfire and ended with a call for s'mores. Everyone participated in leading worship Sunday morning; liturgy literally was "the work of the people."





Aging Gracefully



CARING FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR AGING LOVED ONES

Are you concerned about your aging parents and their ability to manage on their own? Or maybe you're wondering about yourself or your spouse and how the aging process will affect your ability to care for yourselves. Navigating the aging process can be a complex maze that, too often, causes family conflict, stress and confusion. But it doesn't have to be that way. There are strategies that can help us find our way through this process. One of those strategies is learning about the emotional, spiritual and mental changes that accompany aging and using that knowledge to communicate more successfully with your loved one. You can learn many more of these strategies by attending the Adult Forums on Sunday, September 20 and 27 at Peace.

We will discuss how to recognize signs that an older adult needs more care. We'll learn what to do if he/she refuses to accept more care. We'll learn how to deal with the guilt of feeling "I should be doing more." We'll learn strategies for being an advocate for your aging loved one and yourself. It's not too early to learn these strategies ... the sooner you start using them as a family, the easier it becomes to solve the aging maze.

To your health!

Sondra

RECAP OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, August 11, thirty of Peace's leaders sat in the sanctuary: sang, prayed, read Scripture and silently listened to God's calling. Then they shared with each other ideas about how God is calling Peace to be church. The themes were similar to last year's Cottage Meetings: grace-filled outreach, vibrant worship and Jesus-like hospitality. The Church Assessment Tool (CAT) will quantify these conversations and give Peace insight into God's calling.



National Youth Gathering Presentation

August 23 in worship, Peace was blessed to have the youth tell about their moving experiences at the National Lutheran Youth Gathering, in Detroit, MI. The youth — and adults — had a transformational time.

(Ask them for stories if you missed their presentations.) A significant highlight was their diligence in service projects, which spanned two days of the four-day event. "Peace's youth represented our church with grace, serious effort, and marvelous interaction with those they hoped to serve!" says Melissa Weinhandl, who accompanied the youth. Check out photos of the youth at work and play at the website: peaceofplymouth.org/nyg.

Good work, young people! Peace Lutheran is glad you had such a great time and shared God's goodness with others!

Pastor Emily's Installation



Bishop's Assistant, Rev. John Hulden officiates over Pastor Emily's installation.



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Saturday Yogadevotion

Registration is still open! Register by September 7 for the Saturday classes beginning September 12 at 9:00 AM. Place a \$55 check made out to Peace in the Parish Nurse mailbox in the church office. For more information, check out the Health Ministry bulletin board, email sondra@peaceofplymouth.org or call 763-478-1027.



BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, September 23
from 4:00 – 7:00 PM
During Peace-Full Nights

Sign up at the Information Desk after worship or call Pam Jette with questions at -986-5898.



Fall Highway Clean Up

Sunday, September 27
from 10:00 AM – Noon

After beautifying the “Peace Mile” on Highway 55, lunch will be at the church. Great service hours or family event. Sign up at the Information Desk.



Women's Christmas Tea

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

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

SEPTEMBER

hot sheet

What's hot and happenin' at Peace!



Wednesday Peace-Full Nights

Wednesday night programming begins September 16. Evenings filled with food, learning, music and fellowship. The evening schedule has shifted so make sure to check the timing of your events. The changes allow Confirmation classes to mix with the adults on a semi-regular basis and include high schoolers as mentors. Wednesday night programming is open to all so feel free to encourage neighbors, co-workers, classmates and friends to join the fun.

Confirmation

**Starting Wednesday, September 16
from 6:00–7:30 PM at Peace Lutheran**

This year's Confirmation will include intergenerational events, field trips, peer mentors and experiential faith formation that puts the students in the role of teaching the congregation. As we look to the 500th year of Martin Luther's work that started the Reformation, students will work to re-form Confirmation so that it best forms vibrant faith for them and Peace.

Adult Bible Study

Starting Wednesday, September 16 from 6:00–7:00 pm in the Fireside Room

Join one of the pastors to look at the upcoming week's scripture verses.

PEACE-FULL NIGHTS SCHEDULE

Wednesdays, September 16, 23 and 30

5:15–6:15	Dinner	Fellowship Hall
6:00–7:00	Adult Bible Study	Fireside Room
6:00–7:30	Confirmation and Youth Group	Activity Room
6:45–7:45	Celebration Singers	Sanctuary
7:45–8:45	Handbells	Music Room
7:45–8:45	Senior Choir	Sanctuary



Sunday School and Confirmation —

Moving Toward Intergenerational

Welcome Sunday, September 13, will be a sneak peak at future multi-generational events. Throughout the year, aligned schedules for Sunday School / Adult Forum and Confirmation / Adult Bible Study will allow these events to include every generation (or at least, many generations). A lot of what the Bible and our history has to teach is best shared by learning from one another across the generations. The plan is to have people from every age-group participate and share their wisdom, imagination, insight, questions and doubts so all are inspired by the Spirit to interpret God's Living Word and explore the future God has in store.

September 2015

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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 7:00 p All-Church Committee Night	2 3:30 p Staff Mtg 6 p Missional Church Mg 7:45 p Choir	3 3:30 p QueTal Open House	4	5
6 Pentecost 15 9:00 a Worship 8:50-9 & 10-10:20 Blood Pressure Checks	7 Labor Day	8 10 a Faithfully Fit 12:30 p Staff Mtg 7:00 p Congregation Council meeting	9 7:45 p Choir	10 9:00 a Quilting	11	12 9:00 a Yogadevotion
13 Pentecost 16 Welcome Sunday 9:00 a Worship 10:15 a Treasure Hunt	14 8:00 a Romeo Breakfast 5:30 p Yogadevotion	15 Newsletter Deadline 10 a Faithfully Fit 12:30 p Staff Mtg 12:30 p Faith & Hope Circle at Car- olyn Stark's home	16 Peace-Full Night #1	17	18	19 9:00 a Yogadevotion
20 Pentecost 17 9:00 a Worship 10:15 a Adult Forum	21 5:30 p Yogadevotion	22 9:00 a Quilting 10 a Faithfully Fit 12:30 p Staff Mtg	23 4-7 p Blood Drive Peace-Full Night #2	24	25	26 9:00 a Yogadevotion
27 Pentecost 18 9:00 a Worship 10:00 Highway Cleanup 10:15 a Adult Forum	28 5:30 p Yogadevotion	29 10 a Faithfully Fit 12:30 p Staff Mtg	30 Peace-Full Night #3			

The Qué Tal Language Program Monday—Thursday
2:20 - 3:40 pm

TreeHouse Tuesday and Thursday 5:00-9:00 pm

Sunday Worship



September 6— Ephesians 6:10-12
9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

September 13— Welcome Sunday
The Importance of Names
9:00 am Worship -Genesis 2:4b-25
10:15 am All generations Treasure Hunt

September 20— Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7
Abraham Named Him “Laughter”
9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 am Caring For Yourself and Your Aging Loved Ones

September 27 — Genesis 32:22-30
Renaming Jacob
9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Highway Cleanup
10:15 am Caring For Yourself and Your Aging Loved Ones