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Discerning God's Future – The CAT is coming!

Starting on Sunday, September 13, we are inviting you to complete The Church Assessment Tool (CAT), an online instrument designed to provide an in-depth look at the strength, vitality and trends in our church. The information gained from this assessment will be valuable in helping the leadership of Peace discover where members believe God is calling Peace in the future.

Christ's Peace, Council and Pastors

SAVE THE DATE

Welcome Sunday September 13

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Pastor Emily's Installation

Sunday, August 9 at 9:00 AM

Join in the celebrations as we install Rev. Emily Meyer, our "new" Pastor of Life-Long Faith Formation. Pastor John Hulden, Assistant to the Bishop for the Minneapolis Area Synod, will preach at worship as Peace celebrates Pastor Emily's call and the exciting ministry God has in store. Join the choir at 8:00 AM to rehearse and sing for Pastor Emily's installation.

COUNCIL COLUMN

Notes from the July 14 meeting: Pastor Kjell and Joni Sutton reported that three candidates were interviewed for our choir director position, and two were called back to rehearse our Senior Choir. The Search Committee met after this rehearsal and selected Greg Barnes as our new choir director. It was moved and approved to hire Greg Barnes as the new choir director at Peace. Thank you to our Search Committee, comprised of Pastor Kjell, Steve Peters, Nick Bonow, Jan Mostrom and Joni Sutton.

Pastor Kjell reported that a Search Committee has been formed to fill our office position. Members of that committee will be Pastor Kjell, Annie Bonow and Sarah Kerbeshian.

In August, committees will meet with the Council and pastors on Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 PM for a time of worship, brainstorming and planning.

Matt Peterson expressed a "thank you" to the congregation for their support of the youth who are attending the Youth Gathering in Detroit this week. He also asked for continuous prayer while the young people are on their trip.

Full, approved meeting minutes can be found in the meeting minutes binder in the church office.

> *Respectfully submitted, Joni Sutton, Secretary*

Peace Notes

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Welcome New Peace Choir Director!

Greg Barnes is the new Choir Director at Peace. Greg is an elementary choir teacher in the Apple Valley school district. He has his Masters in Choral Direction from the University of Minnesota and has led church choirs for over a decade.

PARISH NURSE NEWS Expired Medication



WHY AND HOW: DISPOSING OF UNWANTED MEDICATION

How many of you have expired medications in your medicine cabinets or closets? The FDA has several recommendations for safe disposal. Storing unused medications can be dangerous for many reasons. One of the more concerning trends is for teens to take this medication out of medicine cabinets and use for a "high." This has been shown to lead to the use of heroin by teens and young adults. In Minnesota, there has been a steep rise in deaths from heroin overdose in the last few years. Other medications are also dangerous if they get into the wrong hands.

How should you dispose of these medications? Do not throw them in your trash or toilet! It is highly preferred that you dispose of them at your Hennepin County Drug Disposal center. The closest one to Peace Lutheran is at the Ridgedale Service Center. Look for information on the Health Ministry bulletin board at church for details or check the website: www.hennepin.us/medicine.

To your health! Sondra

ELCA National Youth Gathering

Five Peace youth left at the crack of dawn on Tuesday, July 15, for the lengthy drive to Detroit, MI. There's nothing like a long car ride to build and strengthen relationships, and this was no exception! New friends were being made before we even arrived! The days were full, the opportunities for service and growing in our compassion for others were numerous, and every single one of us returns with memories that we are eager to share with the rest of the congregation! We saw God at work every day — in amazing ways. Thanks for your prayers and other support, Peace!!!



Organ Restoration Update

Grandall & Engen Organ Builders will start work on the organ this fall. The uncertainty of the start date is because each pipe is made by hand. Only one keyboard at a time will be under construction so the organ will be available every Sunday. If you want to learn more about this process, ask Steve Peters, Minister of Music.

OFFICIAL ACTS



Delores Vera Olen

February 20, 1931 – June 27, 2015 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." – JOHN 14:6



Hiring

Peace has begun the search process for a Church Communications Specialist. This person will be responsible for all electronic, published and telephone communication and will be the first point of contact for visitors. If you know someone, please have them email their resume to careers@peaceofplymouth.org.



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Peace Cares About Communities

Tuesday, August 4

National Night Out is dedicated to strengthening communities and Peace wants to support this community building effort. To empower Peace members to get involved in their community gatherings, Peace will postpone Committee night for August until the following week, August 11. That night at 7:00 PM Committee and Council will worship together and discuss what God has in store for our future. Worship and conversation will take 45 minutes, then committees will meet.



AUGUST hot and happenin' at Peace!

Ephesians Sermon Series

August 16 – September 6

In this four week series we will look at the heart of God's good news: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life." — EPHESIANS 2:8-10

God was planning something big before we knew it. Sunday, August 16 EPHESIANS 1:1-14

The plan of God was necessary because humanity was estranged from God and each other, a division broken down by Christ. Sunday, August 23 EPHESIANS 2:1-22

The plan of God has implications not just for past estrangement but present and future growing in Christ. **Sunday, August 30** EPHESIANS 4:1-16

In the present, God continues to make provision for us. Sunday, September 6 EPHESIANS 6:10-20



Adult Choir Rehearsals Begin!

Senior Choir Wednesday, August 26 at 7:45 pm

Celebration Singers Wednesday, September 2 at 6:45 pm



OWLS in Wisconsin Wednesday, August 12

The Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors are headed to Kolbjornsen's Cabin in Wisconsin. Cool off by the lake, take a boat ride, or just relax in the shade. A picnic lunch is provided. Sign up in the narthex and meet at church at 9:00 AM on August 12.



Family Camp Weekend Retreat August 14-16

Family Camp is coming up and we've got a great crew — representing several types of "family" — headed to Camp Wapo. It's a weekend of intergenerational joy, with rest and relaxation in God's good creation, seeing Christ in unexpected places, sharing in study, art projects, and a collaborative worship service where all of us will take some kind of leadership role. Should be a blast! Watch for photos and other responses on the web page and start praying about whether you should join the fun next year!

August 2015

Calendar of Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth

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2 9:00 a Worship	3 8:00 a ROMEO Breakfast	4 10:00a Faithfully Fit 12:30 p Staff Mtg National Night Out	5	6	7	8
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9:00 a Worship Blue Grass Blood Pressure Checks	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 10:00 a Faithfully Fit 12:30 p Staff Mtg	19 8:00 a Women's Breakfast Club	20	21	22
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August 2 — Commandments 9 & 10 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

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