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PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA

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Who taught you generosity?

STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION

Peace...a community of generosity!

Be generous with the different gifts God gave you. I Peter 4:10

"Be generous with the different gifts God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: if words, let it be God's words; if help, let it be God's hearty help. That way, God's bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus, and God will get all the credit as the One mighty in everything." I Peter 4:10-11

Worship on Sunday, October 30 kicks-off four weeks telling stories about generosity and faith in action. We give in many ways, and financial generosity is one expression of our love for God and our neighbors. How do you express generosity? What would be your story?

The Forde's Story

Luther and Ilene Forde learned about generosity growing up and they continue to give of their money and time. They believe it is part of creating a better world for all. Luther said, "I have been blessed and always try to give back." This fall, the apple tree at their home had a

bumper crop so they arranged to give 200 pounds of the harvest to the food shelf.



Part of giving back for Ilene is mentoring at the church with the Bible Buddies program. She shares stories about how her faith makes a difference in her life and she listens to the youth as they explore how faith will shape their future. When asked about how she learned generosity Ilene said, "My dad, who had very little money, was known as a generous man. When people needed something they knew my dad would help out however he could." For Ilene and Luther, generosity is a way of living, it is part of a good life.



Members: In the next week you will receive a mailing with more stories of generosity and an invitation to fill out a pledge card—one story of your generosity. On Sunday, November 20 you are invited to bring your pledge card with you to worship, bringing them forward as part of the service.

Welcome!

At Peace Lutheran Church, people of all ages — children, teens and adults—are a very important part of our faith community. We love to see children in worship, teens serving and families exploring their faith together in Jesus Christ.

Ministries for all ages help people grow in faith, connect in the community and share their strengths in serving others. Sundays and Wednesdays are filled with opportunities for all ages to grow in their faith together as an intergenerational community. We invite you to find your place at Peace!



Adults:

- Men's & Women's Breakfast groups; Faith & Hope Circles
- Knitting, Quilting and Needlepoint groups
- YogaDevotion, Faithfully Fit & Health Forums
- Adult Choir, Women's Choir & Adult Handbells
- Serving & Community Garden

Children & Youth:

- Sunday School & Nursery
- Confirmation & Youth Group
- Children's Musical Ensemble & Youth Handbells
- Family Camp, Summer Youth Trip & Summer Children's Day Camp
- Bible Buddies

SUNDAY MORNING

9:00-10:00am — Worship

10:00-11:00am — Sunday School, Bible Studies & Forums
(programs for all ages)

WEDNESDAY EVENING

5:30-6:00pm — Dinner (all ages)

6:00-7:30pm — PeaceFull Nights (programs for all ages)

7:00-7:45pm — Celebration Singers Rehearsal

7:45-8:45pm — Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:45-8:45pm — Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal

5K Walk/Run for Water

Thank you to everyone who participated in and volunteered at the Reformation Day 5K Walk/Run Community Festival and the Walk for Water Campaign. Together we exceeded our \$600 goal to provide safe drinking water in Africa and Asia. Visit our website and facebook to see photos!



Our first **BIBLE BUDDY BREAKFAST** was a great success. Thanks to all the Bible Buddy teams for digging in to good food and good conversations. Great work, confirmation kids, sharing your Book of Con-Cord with your Buddies. And thanks to Annie, Carol and Pastor Kjell for hosting!

Our **SECOND** Bible Buddy Breakfast will celebrate our Second Annual Intergenerational Christmas Pageant, Sunday, December 11th!!

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CAT Update

Last fall Peace took the **Church Assessment Tool** that showed Peace’s top three priorities to be:

- 1) How might we...welcome families with children and youth?
- 2) How might we...reach new people and incorporate them into the life of Peace?
- 3) How might we...deepen our connection to God and one another through strong worship?

At the congregational planning meeting in January, the group created a project for each priority and here is how it is going:

Priority 1—the Wednesday night schedule was redesigned and the number of people attending events has increased.

Priority 2—people were encouraged to turn in a card tracking the number of invitations to church. Based on those cards, the goal of 100 wasn’t reached. But Peace is improving it’s invitation skills and a Communications team is working to create materials that help people invite and welcome newcomers.

Priority 3—a worship planning seminar was held and a team created the summer worship themes, liturgies and song selections.

The CAT continues to be a valuable guide for staff, committees and council, and the three priorities continue to guide planning. Thanks to all who took the CAT survey and those who participated in the January planning meeting.

Welcome Sue Jacob, Communication Specialist

I am truly thankful to be here at Peace Lutheran where I can use my degree in Marketing and Communications to tell others about the love of Jesus Christ. It's exciting to promote opportunities for people to learn about God, develop a stronger faith, and to connect with others through Christian fellowship.

My husband and two children give me great delight! As a family we enjoy boating, camping, museums, sports and traveling. I also volunteer at church, school and in the community.

If you are a ministry leader, please contact me so we can work together to promote your event at: sue@peaceofplymouth.org

Thanks and God Bless!



PARISH NURSE NEWS



Could you have diabetes and not know it?
November is National Diabetes Month. Did you know that 1:3 Americans may have diabetes and not know it?

You can take an online Diabetes Risk test by going to <http://www.diabetes.org/are-you-at-risk/> or check out the health ministry bulletin board. Diabetes is a serious condition that results when your body does not produce

enough of the right kind of insulin to help you control your blood sugar. You’re at increased risk if you are over 60, overweight, have a family history of diabetes and have high blood pressure. Because diabetes can lead to heart disease, stroke, kidney and eye problems, it’s imperative that it be diagnosed and controlled.

Your Parish Nurse, Sondra, can help with your questions about both Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes. Please contact her if you want to talk at 763-478-1027 or sondra@peaceofplymouth.org. *To your health, Sondra*



Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation Minneapolis Institute of Art Saturday, November 19 at 1:00pm

Come on a field trip to the MIA to see the world-renown exhibit on Martin Luther. Tickets are only \$12 for a private group tour. Limited to 15 people.

Welcome New Members!

Juan and Orpha Roig were born and educated in Cuba. Juan is a Radiologist and Orpha is a teacher. Each left Cuba in the early 1960s to seek opportunities in America. They met in Illinois, were married and raised two children. Orpha plays the piano and organ, and loves to sew and knit. Juan continues to work as a Spanish translator in the healthcare field.



Mike and Connie Onan recently moved back to the Plymouth area. Mike just retired from his job as financial director for United Way in Central Wisconsin. Connie is a registered nurse and works in the surgery department of Children’s Hospital in Minnetonka. They have three adult children all living in the Twin Cities and now have 5 grandchildren (the 6th to arrive soon). Mike and Connie enjoy hiking and biking together.

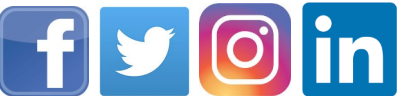


Peace will have a congregational forum on **Sunday, November 13 at 10:00am** to look at the feasibility study and plans. The Peace Building Use Taskforce has been working with Bloom to clarify what space requirements are needed if Bloom opens a second site at Peace. Council is confident that the missions of Peace, TreeHouse and Bloom will all be served by this partnership and that this is a great use of Peace’s building.



Greening of the Church November 27

Learn about the decorations and symbols the church uses at Christmastime through an intergenerational activity within the worship service. The congregation will help decorate the sanctuary as part of the liturgy. Family participation is encouraged, so there is no nursery that day.



Peace is getting social!

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