



This year, Peace Lutheran will be celebrating our 20th Annual Rummage & Bake Sale. Each year, we have been able to donate thousands of dollars to local non-profits in our community from the proceeds of this sale. All the proceeds will go towards these five different organizations:

IOCP (Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners): People who come to IOCP are often in crisis. IOCP programs provide direct assistance and connect people with life-changing opportunities and resources.

Marie Sandvick Center: Their mission focuses on “bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and God’s love to the inner city” through various adult and children’s ministry programs, a food redistribution program and a street light ministry.

TreeHouse: The vision of TreeHouse is to reach every at-risk teen so they are loved, feel hope and realize life transformation. Their programs are grounded in these core values: growth, relationships, authenticity & accountability, community and empowerment.

Meals on Wheels: They lead the effort to make sure seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout the Twin Cities receive the nutritious meals and human connection they need to help them live independently in their own homes.

Beacon’s Families Moving Forward (FMF) program: This program offers families experiencing homelessness hospitality, emergency shelter and a path to home with support for stability. Volunteers from 80 congregations in the metro create shelter space at their congregations.

DONATIONS

April 23, 9:00AM - 3:00PM:
Rummage Sale Donation drop off/large item pick up begins

April 24, 11:00AM - 4:00PM:
donation drop off/large item pick up

April 25, 8:00AM - 8:00PM:
donation drop off

April 26, 8:00AM - 8:00PM:
last day for donation drop off

SALE HOURS

April 27, 5:00PM - 8:00PM:
Dinner (made & served by youth) & Peace Preview Sale opens!

April 28, 8:00AM - 6:00PM:
Sale open to public

April 29, 8:00AM - 6:00PM:
Sale open to public

April 30, 8:00AM - 12:00PM:
Sale open to public



COUNCIL COLUMN

Notes from the March 8, 2016

Council Meeting:

The Building Use Taskforce reported on their findings that, of the many options that were investigated, a partnership with Bloom Preschool and Childcare would be the best fit with our mission. Council asked the task force to investigate the details of a partnership with Bloom and to bring an update to the April Council Meeting. The three strategic questions (How might we... welcome families with children and youth? Reach new people and incorporate them into the life of Peace? Deepen our connection to God and one another through strong worship?) that came out of the January Planning Meeting were discussed and progress updates were given of the teams working on the “experiments”. A task force, that will work with current committees, was appointed to look at outdoor signage and “curb appeal” of the building and property.



some parts are consistent, some songs and words are familiar, participatory not passive, nourishing, rooted, sustaining, sending us into the world, quality (prepared and practiced but not about perfection), many people participate sharing their strengths, engaging to all learning styles, traditional and contemporary.

Defining worship is important but we all know “our” definition of worship when we experience it. It isn’t uncommon for people to be leaving worship and say, “Now that was worship,” meaning that was *their* definition of worship. Please continue to share your views about worship and participate in creating worship: the next Pentecost Worship Planning time is Wednesday, April 6 at 5:00pm in the Fireside Room.



FIRST COMMUNION

On Maundy Thursday, Myria Lukis, Eleanor Ferris and Erin Taylor received their First Communion. We rejoice with them and their families at this exciting spiritual mile-stone. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith and grace.

ISAIAH 55: 10-11

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Ministry of the Month

FAITH & HOPE CIRCLE

The Faith & Hope Circle is a group of women who are centered together through one mind and one spirit. They gather as women of Christ and have become a spiritual support group for one another during tough times. They have coffee and dessert and use the *Lutheran World Today* magazine for their Bible Study. Currently they are studying the book of Philippians. This group also supports a girl in Monduli, Tanzania through the Maasae Girls Lutheran Secondary School—affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. They meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 12:30pm. This is a wonderful way to get to know others at Peace and create meaningful relationships around scripture and fellowship. All women are welcome each month! If you are interested, contact Grace Tauring at 952.544.5108 or gtauring@comcast.net.

PARISH NURSE NEWS

This month Minnesota will participate in Severe Weather Awareness week. Emergency professionals want all Minnesotans to be informed and ready to act in the event of severe weather. Is Peace ready for a tornado or other emergencies? The Peace Safety Committee developed protocols for all types of emergency situations a couple of years ago. It's time to remind everyone of those protocols and our responsibility as a church to foster a safe environment for everyone.

Severe Weather: For severe weather with tornado watches or warnings, we have designated the severe weather safe locations with orange signs. Please notice these around the church and be ready to take shelter there if the sirens go off or the ushers or staff notify you of a severe weather warning. If you are a teacher or leader, help those in your classes proceed to these locations. We have a weather radio in the office to inform ushers and staff of weather emergencies.

Fire: In the event of a fire, everyone is to meet outside near the storage shed on the west side of the parking lot. Teachers are to bring all children there.

Medical Emergencies: Please notice where the First Aid Kits and AED are located at Peace. Remember that calling 911 does not necessarily mean the person will be transported to the emergency room, but having the police and EMT's check things out is essential in an emergency. Many of our staff and ushers are trained in CPR and the use of the AED. We'll be offering another church wide training soon. Please take a moment to find the Emergency Protocol booklets located throughout the church. These booklets can be your guide in the event of a safety event. We welcome your suggestions and help so that we can do our best at keeping Peace a safe place.

To your health and safety!

Sondra

*In
Loving
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of*

RUTH M. JOHNSON

October 2, 1923—

March 7, 2016

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10

Health Fair

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HOT SHEET

APRIL

What's hot and happenin' at Peace?

Summer Boathouse Camping Trip *July 10-15, 2016*

The next informational and planning meeting will be Wednesday, April 20 at 5:00PM. We've got room for 3 more Senior High Youth - If you're already signed up, invite a friend! The week will be filled with time to relax, fish, snorkel, suntan and take day trips— all on a boathouse in the middle of God's beautiful creation! It's going to be a fabulous week!

Contact Pastor Emily if you're interested:
emily@peaceofplymouth.org



Spring Forums: Emerging Theologies *Sundays, April 10, May 1, May 8, 10:00AM*

Michael Sorenson will be leading an intriguing study on what are called "Emerging Theologies"— ideas about God, offered by people traditionally under-represented in academia. What was previously a white-men-only think tank has expanded by leaps and bounds. All ages are invited to explore these areas!

Part 1, April 10: *Eco-Justice*

Part 2, May 1: *Liberation Theologies*

Part 3, May 8: *Feminist Theologies*



Bible Studies



New Bible Study Series *Wednesdays, 6:00PM* *April 6 - May 11*

Adults, youth & confirmation are invited to join Pastor Emily Meyer for a six-week series delving into the question: "*Where did the Bible come from?*". Each week will focus on a part of biblical history and the people who were involved in this formational and translational process. There will be plenty of space to ask the "why" questions that many of us have. Look for a sign-up on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings starting mid-March.

Week 1, April 6: *Old Testament origins*

Week 2, April 13: *Authors of the New Testament*

Week 3, April 20: *The Bible's "canonization"*

Week 4, April 27: *Vulgate to Luther translations*

"Green & Clean @ Peace" *Sunday, April 17, 10:00AM*

Our Sunday school, confirmation and High School youth are planning a great morning of learning about our environmental impact and planning together ways that we can become a more "green" congregation. Our final planning time will be during dinner on Wednesday, April 13 (5:00-6:00pm). Parents and other helpful adults are more than welcome to join this final planning session!

Highway Clean Up *Sunday, May 22, 10:00AM*

It's an annual tradition to help beautify our "Adopt-a-Highway" mile on Highway 55. Highway cleanup will be right after church that day. We will convene after for a bite to eat. Look for a sign up in May.





April Worship Music

APRIL 10: Peter Mayer, Jimmy Buffet's lead guitarist

Peter grew up in India as the child of a Lutheran Missionary and along with creating amazing music with Jimmy, Peter travels to lead music for worship in churches.



APRIL 24: Hans Peterson, of Dakota Road

Hans will lead music through his "Earth Keeping Liturgy" — a meaningful culmination of a month of focusing on environmental sustainability and justice. Join the celebration!

Peace Notes

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April 2016

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