

# Heartfelt THANKS

## TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Throughout the month of May, Peace is thanking and blessing all the amazing people who volunteer countless hours, great intelligence, inspiration, creativity, and hard labor to carry out Christ's work in this place and beyond! Each Sunday in May we'll focus on different ministries and areas of engagement. Let's all join in celebrating the important work done by so many!

### **May 1**

Health Ministry, Serving teams

### **May 8**

All involved in Youth,  
Family & Educational programming

### **May 15**

Council, All Committees,  
Service/mission/social action events

### **May 22**

All musical groups,  
people who serve with worship



*How might Peace reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church?*

In January, Peace met with facilitator Eva Jensen to examine the results of the Church Assessment Tool (CAT) and to plan for the future. One of the three priorities addressed that day was "to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of Peace."

The Evangelism and Communication Committee is implementing an idea that came from that day — **"100 Invitations."** The entire congregation will work together to invite 100 people to Peace between the middle of May and the end of October.

Invitations can be to: worship, Day Camp, Sunday School, a fellowship group, or a special event. It's up to you! During worship on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, everyone will receive an "invitation to invite". After you invite someone, fill out a card (available during worship that day and at the information desk) and turn it in to the box on the information desk. This way the congregation can be updated as we reach our goal and celebrate together!

*Most of all, think about whose life could be enriched by your personal invitation to attend something in this church community.*

## COUNCIL COLUMN

*Notes from April 12, 2016*

The meeting began with devotions led by Dave Forsberg, and a reading of Isaiah 55:10-11. Pastor Kjell reported on the Building Use Task Force activities and discussion with Bloom Preschool and Childcare. Pastor Kjell reported on various initiatives that staff and committees are currently pursuing, including: worship planning, international and local mission planning, a building use policy, and an employee handbook. There was discussion about the 3 priorities identified in the congregational assessment (CAT) survey. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Swanson

## Summer Worship Themes

For many years most mainline denominations have shared the ecumenical Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which prescribed Bible readings for each Sunday's worship. The RCL focused on a different Gospel (Matthew, Mark, or Luke) through each of its three-year cycle, with readings from John sprinkled throughout all three years. A coordinating Psalm, Hebrew Testament and Epistle Reading were paired with the Gospel texts each week. In 2012, a group of Luther Seminary professors, intent upon improving Lutheran's Biblical literacy, created an alternate lectionary, called the Narrative Lectionary, which flows from Genesis through Revelation, September through May, with optional sections of readings for the Season of Pentecost (summer). Peace has been using the Narrative Lectionary the past two years. This past February, a group of people gathered to choose the themes, liturgies and hymns for this upcoming Pentecost season. To all who joined the planning: thank you for all your ideas, wisdom and input! These are the three themes Peace will be studying in worship during the summer:

**June 5 - 19: 1st John**  
**June 26 - July 17: The Lord's Prayer**  
**July 24 - September 4: Revelation**

## Environment Fair



The "Green & Clean @ Peace" Fair encouraged people to think about how they can be better stewards of God's creation. At the various booths people created light switch covers, planted seeds, donated coffee mugs, bought re-usable shopping bags and fair trade coffee & chocolate, made environmentally friendly household cleaners, watched Humane Society videos, and contributed towards a compost bin!

### Peace Notes

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Peace Notes is a monthly newsletter for members and friends of Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth. The deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

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Life Long Faith Formation Pastor	Rev. Emily Meyer
Director of Volunteer Ministries	Judy Lubben
Communications Specialist	Laura Castle
Parish Nurse	Sondra Weinzierl
Minister of Music	Steve Peters
Choir Director	Greg Barnes



A year ago, the Evangelism Committee created "Welcome Baskets" containing all sorts of goodies— water bottles, fair trade coffee, dish rags, info about Peace. All of those original baskets have been distributed, but more have been created! If you have a new neighbor or a friend who is searching for a church, please feel free to take a basket home with you and deliver it. These baskets are a friendly and easy way to strike up a conversation and invite someone to come experience the Peace community. They are kept in the sacristy closet. Please help yourselves!

## PARISH NURSE NEWS

Thank  
you

### Health Ministry Sunday — May 1st

May 1<sup>st</sup> will be a day to celebrate all the persons who help with our health ministry. We will offer a time focused on healing and prayer after communion where anyone with a need to be “restored” physically, emotionally or spiritually can have Pastor Kjell or Sondra pray with them and be anointed with oil. If there are others in your life that need healing, we can pray for them too. After the service, stop by for a healthy treat and sign cards that will go to our homebound members. Thank you to everyone at Peace for supporting this ministry of caring and health.

A health ministry testimony...

*Lisa is one of the many Peace members whom our Parish Nurse, Sondra, visits on a regular basis. Lisa agreed to be interviewed for the newsletter to help Peace members understand the role of Parish Nurses. Lisa has multiple sclerosis and stage 4 ovarian cancer and has great difficulty leaving her home due to mobility issues. Although she wasn't a member of Peace at the time, her mother, who is a member and who Sondra was visiting, asked if Sondra would mind visiting Lisa. After a few visits and receiving communion from Sondra, Lisa expressed interest in joining Peace. Pastor Kjell made that possible in a ceremony at her home. Sondra visits monthly, listens and assesses Lisa's health issues. When appropriate, she suggests resources that might be of help. One resource was Gilda's Club, a new organization providing support to cancer patients and their families.*

*Lisa stated, “I am grateful to Peace Lutheran for their prayers, thoughts for me and our family. Just knowing that you are praying for me on Sundays gives me energy and positive feelings. Without Sondra, I wouldn't have a connection to the church. She has been a conduit to a stronger faith that has helped me through these trying times. She has given me a purpose and reason to communicate with Christ in a way I can understand and respect. Her knowledge of the health care system and the importance of our spirituality and faith in our health has been a gift not only to me but to my mother as well.”*

*Lisa's cancer is in remission...and she counts that as a miracle because when she was diagnosed several years ago, her doctors only gave her two years to live. She said that because she has a small family, it is a blessing to now be part of the larger church family of Peace Lutheran.*



Brianna Erstad's last Sunday as the Nursery Assistant was April 24. The Peace community is incredibly grateful for the time she served in this role. We wish her well in her future endeavors. During the summer, Olivia Akhigbe and Brianna Brolin will be temporarily filling in to staff the nursery on Sunday mornings. Peace is looking for someone to fill this position as soon as possible. Please have interested candidates contact the office at 763.478.9406 or e-mail [peace@peaceofplymouth.org](mailto:peace@peaceofplymouth.org).



## UPDATE ON POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH BLOOM

Recently, Peace announced it is exploring the possibility of having a Bloom site at Peace. The first joint meeting between Peace's Building Use task force and Bloom's Strategic Planning committee has taken place and the group determined a full feasibility study is necessary. Four areas of study were identified: *mission/vision, facilities, finances and legal*. By the end of May they will know how long it will take to complete the feasibility study (likely late summer or early fall). If you have any questions or ideas please contact the Building Use Task Force: Mike Mostrom, Valerie Sorenson, David Forsberg, Dave Swanson, Lance Novak and Pastor Kjell. As that investigation continues, Peace will host some Bloom staff and board to help Peace learn about Bloom's mission, service to the community and partnerships with nonprofit organizations.

### BLOOM FAST FACTS

- ◆ Dedicates half its capacity to low income children through their community funded Scholarship Program.
- ◆ Scholarship students are not only ready for Kindergarten, they exceed standards and expectations based on feedback from teachers at Wayzata Public Schools.
- ◆ Bloom scholarship students performed “at or above grade level” in first grade based on testing by Wayzata Public Schools and the results held at third grade.



# HOT SHEET

MAY

## What's hot and happenin' at Peace?



**Day Camp registration is open!**  
*June 13-17 | 9:00AM - 3:00PM*

Camp Wapo counselors will lead campers, age 3 (must be potty trained) through 5th grade, in walking "The Jesus Way" using a Candy Land-like trail of activities, songs, and experiential learning. Invite your neighbors and friends! Register online at [www.peaceofplymouth.org](http://www.peaceofplymouth.org), or grab a form at the information desk!



### Final Peaceful Night

*Wednesday, May 11*

### Final Music Rehearsals

*Wednesday, May 18*

Please note that unlike previous years, Peaceful Nights dinners, study times and music rehearsals will continue during the weeks following the Rummage Sale. Please mark these dates on your calendar and join in the fellowship before summer!

### Confirmation Sunday

*Sunday, May 15  
10:00AM*

Peace celebrates with 9th grader, Grace Kerbeshian, as she affirms her baptism on Confirmation Sunday! Grace, along with other Peace youth, will enjoy a weekend retreat beforehand—creating her stole, visiting with council, planning for worship, discussing various topics around faith and having fun together. Please hold Grace in your prayers and come celebrate with her on the 15th!



### Kitchen Kudos!

Have you been in the Peace kitchen lately? It is incredibly clean and organized, thanks to several women. Pam Johnson led this effort and spent her spring break on this project, along with Jean Swanson, Lana Berg and Carol Forsberg who all put in many hours helping. A huge thanks to each of you for all your time and care.

*The cleaning team respectfully asks that anyone who uses the Peace kitchen puts things back in their designated spots and leaves the kitchen cleaner than when they found it.*



*Please read the signs in the kitchen regarding storage of food in the refrigerator and how to clean dishes when you are not using the dishwasher. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in keeping the Peace kitchen healthy and safe. Thank you!*

### Quilt Group needs YOUR help!

The Peace Quilting group is in need of your assistance. You are invited to join the Quilting group on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month to help "sandwich" quilts together. Sewing knowledge needed is minimal; if you can tie a knot, you are needed! The finished quilts are donated to the Marie Sandvick Center in Minneapolis. The group meets in the Youth Room at Peace. Contact Jeanette Colligan at [rcjc7443@embarqmail.com](mailto:rcjc7443@embarqmail.com) with questions.