



# Peace Notes

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During the week of June 13-16, 30 elementary age campers and 10 youth helpers (grades 6-12) joined counselors from Camp Wapo for four fun-filled days along the Rainbow Trail exploring what it means to live "The Jesus Way". Campers spent time in Bible study, tie-dying, playing water games, singing, dancing and creating new friendships. Wednesday evening, the day camp families and others in the congregation enjoyed a picnic dinner and fellowship (and lots of treats from the ice cream truck)! For many, this week reinforced the importance of children and youth ministry in this place and beyond. What a blessing it is to see children growing in their faith with one another.

*A huge thank you to the Christian Education committee for all the hard work they put into planning this week, and to all those who volunteered their time helping during the week!*







## What does it mean to be an inviting church?

In May, Peace kicked off its "100 Invitations" initiative based on the question: *How might Peace reach new people and incorporate them in the life of the church?* The goal is that the entire congregation will work together to invite 100 people to worship and/or other events/groups between May and October. Once you've extended an invitation, fill out a card at the information desk in the gathering space. It's exciting that many people have already invited others!

In the June 2016 edition of *Living Lutheran*, Rob Moss says, "Being an inviting church means that we leave the comfort of Sunday morning worship and seek out our neighbors...Each congregation has a purpose within God's mission. Each has particular gifts. No congregation is everything to everyone. But every congregation is something to someone. Who can know God through your worship style? Who can experience forgiveness and grace through your congregational community? Who needs the gifts you have to offer? Who can offer gifts you need? When we are centered in this purpose, we become an inviting church."

What might this look like in action for Peace Lutheran?

- When you are in the lunchroom chatting about the pressures of work, invite a co-worker to a Peace small group you are part of (breakfast groups, hobby groups, volunteer groups, etc.)
- While at the park or pool with your children this summer, invite other families you know to join you at Family Camp or for Sunday School in the fall!
- While in conversation over the backyard fence, you invite a neighbor who is grieving over a loved one to come to one of the many contemplative prayer worship services that are focused on hope and renewal.

## Ministry of the Month



Earlier this spring, Shajayla, a young woman who has been involved in TreeHouse programming contacted Peace, and shared her aspirations to attend college in the fall. She had worked hard throughout school to achieve good grades, had been accepted to college, but was stunned when finding out how much the confirmation fee would be.

TreeHouse helps teens pursue an educational or vocational track for their future and the organization's vision is to *reach every at-risk teen so they are loved, feel hope and realize life transformation*. As a Christian community, Peace felt compelled to contribute to this vision of hope, love and transformation, and donated funds to help this young woman pursue higher education.

After receiving these funds, Shajayla shared this note with the congregation:

*"I honestly don't know how to say thank you enough...without the money you all contributed I wouldn't have been able to attend my dream college, and I'm so grateful that you guys chose to help out. I want to major in psychology and become a family/marriage therapist, because I want to help people just like you guys helped me."*

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# HOT SHEET

JULY

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



### Family Camp August 12-14 Luther Point Camp

Come one—come all!  
Families and people of all  
ages are invited to spend  
a couple days at beautiful

Luther Point Bible Camp in Grantsburg, WI. Time will be spent in Bible Study, swimming, outdoor activities, campfires, worship and exploration. It's a great time to bond as both a family and an intergenerational congregation. Registration forms can be found at the information desk at Peace. The cost includes accommodation for two nights, activities and all meals (\$85/person over 11yrs, \$65/child ages 2-11yrs). Questions can be directed to Pastor Emily.

### Special music — Genus: Poa Sunday, July 10 / 9AM

We are thrilled to have Genus: Poa (poa is the genus name for all types of bluegrass) leading music during worship—they are a bluegrass/gospel/cajun band who has been playing at Peace for over ten years! This is a great Sunday to invite a friend to worship with you!

The band members include: Phil Trooien, Roberta Trooien, Todd Trooien, Mitzi Trooien, Inger Trooien, Annika Trooien Isbell & Bobby Trooien Isbell.



### FUNDRAISING NIGHT

#### Youth Fundraiser

Thursday, July 7 / 4-8PM

Stop by the Plymouth Panera for dinner this evening to support the youth who are going on the Pathways Houseboat trip — Make sure to bring this flyer with you!

### PIZZA & Worship volunteer training PARTY Tuesday, August 9

**Tuesday, August 2:** National Night Out  
(No Committee Night)

**Tuesday, August 9:** Pizza dinner, worship  
volunteer appreciation & training

**5:30PM** — All those who volunteer already (or are interested!) to help with worship are invited to a pizza dinner and training night. Training sessions will be for all worship assistants including: lectors, ushers, greeters, communion assistants, acolytes and basket holders. Please plan to come, whether you are a long-time volunteer or looking to become involved in a new way! If you have never served in any of these roles before, we encourage you to be part of this evening. Adults and children of all ages are needed to help with each of these positions. We are so grateful for the many people who have been committed to these volunteer positions for so long—now is a great time to reach out and involve even more of this community!

**7:00PM** — Council and Committee Meetings



### Find Peace on Facebook!

Have you “liked” Peace Lutheran on Facebook? Stay connected by searching for “Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth”.



## PARISH NURSE NEWS

### A Changing Fairview Association: What Does it Mean for Peace?

Did you realize that for over 100 years, many Lutheran churches in the Twin Cities have had an active partnership with Fairview Health Services? Peace Lutheran's partnership with the Fairview Association was founded on the belief that health and faith are inter-related and that by encouraging and supporting each other, Fairview and the Association churches could collaborate to improve the health of the communities we serve. The Association has been integral to programs such as Parish Nurse grants, clergy training, and health education programming for churches and the community.

Pastor Kjell and Heidi Ferris are currently Peace's delegates to the association. As your Parish Nurse, I have had the great privilege of serving on the Fairview Association Advisory Council. In April, 2015, Fairview Health Services Interim CEO, Dave Murphy, came to the Advisory Council to explain a proposal to combine Fairview and the U of M into a single, fully, integrated academic health system to be called "MHealth." Dave acknowledged that the Fairview Association would be impacted by the changes and challenged us to begin a process of exploration into how the mission and vision of the Association could be continued and expanded within the fully integrated health system. What a privilege to be part of this discussion!

At the May Fairview Association meeting, a resolution was presented and approved unanimously to transition from the Association name and model to the "**Interfaith Health Collaborative.**" The mission remains the same: to improve community health and well-being, but the collaborative is now open to diverse faith communities, mission-aligned community organizations as well as the previous Fairview Association churches.

Representatives from the Collaborative will be part of advising the new integrated health system in areas of faith and health and with the expanded resources and support, we are very excited about the possibilities. Look for more updates on these changes and don't hesitate to ask Kjell, Heidi or myself about what this means for Peace Lutheran!

To Your Health,  
Sondra



### Childcare Specialist Hired!

We are excited to welcome Samantha Bartelt to the Peace team as the Childcare Specialist for nursery on Sunday mornings.

She will begin on Sunday, July 17.

Each Sunday morning, nursery is offered during the worship service for infants - children (up to 3 years old). Please stop by and introduce yourself to Samantha. She would love to meet you and your



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## Church Office Hours

Monday 7AM-3PM | Tuesday 7AM-5PM

Wednesday 7AM-5PM | Thursday 7AM-3PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 9AM Worship w/ Communion	<b>4</b> Office closed Independence Day	<b>5</b> 10AM Faithfully Fit 7PM Committee Night	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 4PM-8PM Plym- outh Panera Youth Fundraiser	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8:40AM-9AM Blood Pressure Checks 9AM Worship 10AM-10:20 Blood Pres- sure Checks 2PM Hamel Parade	<b>11</b> 8AM ROMEO Breakfast (Perkins)	<b>12</b> 12:30PM Staff Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9AM Quilting Group (Peace)	<b>15</b> Newsletter submissions deadline	<b>16</b>
—————Senior High Pathways Houseboat Trip —————						
<b>17</b> 9AM Worship w/ Communion	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10AM Faithfully Fit 12:30PM Staff Meeting	<b>20</b> 8AM Women's Break- fast Group (Panera) 11:30AM OWLS Picnic (Parker's Lake)	<b>21</b> 7PM Knitting & Needlework group (Panera)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9AM Worship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 12:30PM Staff Meeting	<b>27</b> 7PM Lutheran Night Twins Game (Target Field)	<b>28</b> 9AM Quilting Group (Peace)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 9AM Worship w/ Communion						

Throughout the summer, all ages are invited to visit the Peace garden to take in some sunshine, water, weed, harvest, explore and build community with one another amidst God's abundant creation!



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# JULY Sunday Schedule

## July 3

*The Prayer Jesus Taught Us—2nd Petition: “Your reign come among us”*

9 AM Contemplative Liturgy w/ Holy Communion  
Psalm 103; Revelation 21:1-7; Luke 11:1-4

## July 10

*The Prayer Jesus Taught Us—Third Petition: “Give us each day...”*

9 AM Contemplative Liturgy  
Psalm 103; Exodus 16:10-20; Luke 11:1-4

## July 17

*The Prayer Jesus Taught Us—Fourth Petition: “Forgive us our debts...”*

9 AM Contemplative Liturgy w/ Holy Communion  
Psalm 103; 1 John 1:8-2:2; Luke 11:1-4

## July 24

*Revelation —John, the Risen Christ & the Churches*  
9AM Worship

Revelation 1:9-2:7

## July 31

*Revelation—God the Creator*  
9AM Worship w/ Holy Communion  
Revelation 4: 1-11

### The Prayer That Jesus Taught Us

Martin Luther prayed for four hours a day, often spending that entire time in the Prayer that Jesus Taught Us. We spend these weeks focusing on the four petitions of the Prayer, as recorded in the Gospel of Luke. We will spend time in silence to move beyond the words, as we reflect deeply on a specific petition in greater depth each week and use Taizé songs to guide us.