



# Peace Notes

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## Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2016

The Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA met in assembly on Friday and Saturday, May 6th & 7th. St Andrew's Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie was full, as the participants were encouraged to share their own stories of faith in God, life in Christ's church, and the world-wide work of the Holy Spirit. David Kleppe, Heidi Ferris, Nancy Peterson, Pastor Kjell and Pastor Emily represented Peace. If you want to hear more, be sure to ask them! Afterwards, they shared these various reflections about their experiences:

*"'Being church together' was a phrase used by different leaders throughout the synod assembly. It was encouraging to hear ways people throughout the synod and throughout the world are sharing Jesus' love and making a difference in people's lives."*

*"I noted a quote that encouraged us to think about current events, immigrants and refugees (legal or illegal) in a new way: 'People are not just problems to be solved, but they are Children of God to be celebrated. Jesus himself was a refugee (the flight to Egypt taken by Joseph and Mary and child) from fear, violence, and oppression.'"*

*"My take-away was connection to the mission of the larger church. Bishop Eaton, the presiding bishop of the ELCA, gave an inspiring video presentation that shared stories about the amazing ministries Peace is part of by being church together with the ELCA. To learn more Google: ELCA stories of faith in action 2016."*



***"And they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined towns are now inhabited and fortified.'" -Ezekiel 36:35***

The Peace garden is springing up and growing wonderful things! Join the planting, weeding and watering crew throughout the summer and discover why gardens are such significant places in the Biblical narrative. Take in some sunshine and explore, nurture and harvest God's abundant gifts to us. Gardening helps us live into the numerous biblical "Garden Stories" that have shaped our faith for generations. Feel free to invite a green-thumb neighbor, too!

Sign-up sheets for watering are on the wall in the narthex. Watch the bulletin for garden announcements throughout the summer, for all generations!



# COUNCIL COLUMN

Notes from the May 10, 2016 meeting

The meeting began with devotions led by Matt Peterson reading Isaiah 55:10-11.

Mike Mostrom joined the meeting via Skype to report on the ongoing discussions between our Building Use Task Force and Bloom Early Learning Center and Childcare. Bloom has identified an architect to look at building updates that would be necessary and Dave Forsberg is working with the architect to determine the cost of any updates. A complete feasibility report will be presented to the Church Council at the August meeting. If council determines a partnership is possible, further congregational input will be requested and then a plan will be brought to members for approval.

Pastor Kjell reported on ongoing work by the staff and member committees in various areas, including work by the Christian Education Committee on a 3-year outline for faith formation. The council reviewed a draft employee handbook which is slated to be approved in the June meeting. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Ministry  
of the Month  
Flowers by Myra

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# We celebrate our confirmand & graduate



### GRACE KERBESHIAN

Sunday, May 15 was Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday—a worship that celebrated the Holy Spirit active throughout the world and in the lives of each of us. Grace shared her favorite Bible verse during the service: Philippians 4:13, *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*. We continue to keep Grace and all youth in our prayers as they journey in faith.



### LUKE FORSBERG

Luke will graduate on June 3rd from Wayzata High school. After obtaining some college credits at North Hennepin Community College this past school year, he will attend Luther College, in Decorah, IA this fall, with plans to major in Environmental Studies. He will continue working at Cub Foods throughout the summer and hopes to get to the family cabin a couple of times too! He has truly loved growing up in the Peace family, playing chimes and bells in worship services and helping with Families Moving Forward and Highway Clean-Up!

# June

## Sunday Schedule

### 1 John Preaching Series

The preaching series for June 5-19 is based on the book of 1 John, a book near the end of the New Testament. It reads like a letter or sermon, written to encourage faith and life in a Christian community saying: believers are to have faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God made flesh, and are to live a life of love and discipleship in the unity of the Spirit.

**June 5**  
**Bike to Worship Sunday**  
9AM Worship w/ Communion  
(ELW music, 1 John liturgy)  
1 John 1: 1-2:2 & John 1: 14-16, 29

**June 12**  
**Day Camp Kick-off Sunday**  
9AM Worship  
(Camp style music, 1 John liturgy)  
1 John 4: 1-6 & John 14: 15-17

**June 19**  
**Father's Day & Day Camp Final Celebration**  
9AM Worship w/ Communion  
(Camp style music, 1 John liturgy)  
1 John 4: 7-21 & John 15: 9-11

**June 26**  
9AM Worship  
(traditional, ELW Setting 4)  
“Lord's Prayer” worship theme:  
*Our Father & First Petition*

Each Sunday, a beautiful floral bouquet is displayed near the altar, in memory/honor/celebration of a person or event in this faith community. These bouquets are made by Myra Rusten and provide tremendous joy and meaning to so many each week! The size and type of arrangement that you see is funded partly by parishioners donations (\$40/week).

Myra started providing flowers at Peace one year ago through her own in-home floral studio “Flowers by Myra”. Providing flowers is one way that Myra glorifies God. She says, “I am blessed to provide the flowers to honor God with his beautiful creation of flowers and plants. It's the combination of colors, textures (and sometimes scent!) that brings praise to God, and smiles, comfort and joy to others.”

She often becomes carried away, and the flowers that she provides on a typical Sunday are approximately twice the parishioners contribution (retail). At Peace, we are thankful for the time and talents Myra generously provides.

There are still Sundays available to donate flowers in 2016 — sign up on the bulletin board behind the information desk and turn the form & check into Laura in the office.



View complete calendar of events on the web!

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# HOT SHEET

JUNE

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

### Hamel Days Parade

Sunday, July 10

This summer, Peace will have an entry in the Hamel Days Parade! We'll be wearing our new Peace t-shirts (stay tuned!) and will be carrying out the theme of this year's Day Camp: "The Jesus Way" (Candyland themed). In addition to handing out candy, we'll also be distributing flyers to the crowd. We are looking for someone with a flatbed trailer (and a truck to haul it) as well as individuals and families who want to walk in the parade. Please contact Pam Johnson ([johnsonstevenm@comcast.net](mailto:johnsonstevenm@comcast.net) or 763.476.6569) if you want to participate. It's going to be a fun way to spread news about Peace with the community!



### Seeking Part Time Choir Director

Please help spread the word about this open position! Peace seeks a Choir Director to begin on August 1. This candidate will lead a talented and energetic group of musicians, directing the adult choir and children's choir. This is a part-time position of approximately 7 hours/week, depending on the season, August 1–May 31. Those interested should send a resumé, references and two letters of recommendation to Peace Lutheran Church, attention: Sarah Kerbeshian or e-mail to [careers@peaceofplymouth.org](mailto:careers@peaceofplymouth.org). View the full position description at [www.peaceofplymouth.org](http://www.peaceofplymouth.org) under "News and Events".



### Spots still available for Houseboat Trip

Peace Youth are looking forward to a week on beautiful Rainy Lake building friendships, growing in faith and soaking up the sun. There are still 4 spots open on this trip: please help invite your friends, grandchildren, neighbors! Scholarships are available. The campers will be blessed during worship on Sunday, July 10 and then sent on their way. Peace will welcome them home on Friday, July 15th. Contact Pastor Emily at [emily@peaceofplymouth.org](mailto:emily@peaceofplymouth.org)

### Register by June 12!

Children will take a walk through Candyland as they learn how they can live "The Jesus Way" every day!

#### Kick off Worship

Sunday, June 12 (9:00 AM)

#### Day Camp

Monday, June 13 – Thursday, June 16 (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM)

#### Family/Community Dinner

Wednesday, June 15 (5:30 PM)

#### Day Camp Final Celebration Worship

Sunday, June 19 (9:00 AM)

All children age 3 (must be potty trained) – 5th grade are welcome to attend. Costs are \$40/camper; \$10/student helper: 6th – 8th grade as of Fall 2016 (\$100 max per family). High school and adult helpers are welcome, as well.

Registration is available online at [peaceofplymouth.org](http://peaceofplymouth.org) or by filling out a paper registration at the information desk.

### Dairy Queen Fundraiser

Support the youth trip by visiting the Hamel Dairy Queen on Thursday, June 9th between 6:00 & 9:00 PM: 10% of profits during that time will be donated to Peace Youth — so have a treat to help the youth explore God's great creation!



### Thank you to Greg Barnes

Peace thanks Greg Barnes for his service and leadership in his work as Choir Director. Greg has blessed Peace with his creativity, dedication and his gift of empowering each individual. Peace prays God's blessings upon you, Greg!

## PARISH NURSE NEWS

Have you ever fainted? Many of us have...and it can be frightening, but you may not realize how common fainting or syncope is. Up to one million people in the US have been evaluated for syncope and this syndrome makes up 3-5% of all emergency room visits per year.

Syncope is a temporary loss of consciousness related to a temporary insufficient blood flow to the brain. It is most often caused by blood pressure dropping or the heart not pumping a normal supply of oxygen to the brain. Syncope can also be caused by stress, pain, overheating, dehydration or exhaustion. In men, it can also occur during violent coughing spells.

In most cases, syncope is not dangerous and the person "comes to" in a few seconds. However, there are often injuries related to the sudden fall. Many physicians will want to evaluate a person with syncope, especially if they are over the age of 55 or if this is their first episode. An EKG, exercise stress test, sitting and standing blood pressures and other tests might be done to rule out any serious causes of the syncope.

There are many types of syncope: vasovagal; neurocardiogenic, vasodepressor or reflex mediated syncope. There is even a syndrome called Sunday Morning Syncope experienced by those who faint during a church service!

Watch the Health Ministry board for more information and first aid tips.

Thanks to all of you who signed the greeting cards for our home-bound members on May 1<sup>st</sup>. These cards are being delivered and you have brought great joy to those who can't come to church anymore!

To your health,  
Sondra



### Wyatt Evan Sorenson

Baptized May 8, 2016

Parents: Reid & Sarah Sorenson

Sponsors: Robin Sorenson, Aimee & Brian McFarland

As a faith community, we welcome and celebrate the new life in Christ that Wyatt has received!

## Financial Statement Update

Thank you for the many gifts you give to Peace: time, talent and money. In May, Peace thanked the many volunteers for giving their time and talents; the quarterly and annual financial statements are another way Peace says, "Thank you for giving." Peace is working to make those statements more "user friendly" and you will see several changes with the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter statements:

- ◆ A notation required by the IRS to qualify the statements as a charitable donation receipt for your annual tax returns. The statement reads – "No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contributions, other than intangible religious benefits." This means any money that Peace receives to pay for a specific service or item will not appear on the statements (examples: Peaceful Nights dinners, Altar Flowers, or Bible Study materials).
- ◆ If your gift to the church includes securities (stocks, bonds, etc.) the statement will acknowledge the gift of the security (number of shares) but will not include a dollar value. You will also receive a letter acknowledging the gift of securities along with the amount the church received upon selling the securities. There are tax advantages to donating securities to Peace – if you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer, Lance Novak at [finance@peaceofplymouth.org](mailto:finance@peaceofplymouth.org).