



Peace Notes

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA

Volume 20, Issue 12 August 2016



Page 1: More photos from the Senior High Houseboat trip!

Men and women, boys and girls of *all ages* are encouraged to join together in pairs as “Bible Buddies” this year. Through these pairs, the Faith Formation Team hopes to help develop relationships between age groups. Becoming a Bible Buddy means adults, teens and pre-teens will commit to spending 15 minutes each Wednesday and Sunday checking in with each other: sharing day-to-day joys and concerns and discussing our weekly Bible readings. On Wednesday nights, Older Buddies will be able to dig deeply into Bible texts, then engage Younger Buddies in hands-on, activity-based learning. We hope that *every member* of the congregation will have a Bible Buddy by the time we get to Welcome Sunday on September 11.

Two information and training sessions will be offered on Sundays, August 21 & 28 where you can learn more about Faith Formation and Study plans for the upcoming year and get answers to Bible Buddy questions, such as:

- **How will Bible Buddy partnerships help us welcome families with young children and help those families become integrated into the life of the congregation?**
- **What kind of commitment am I making if I become a Bible Buddy?**
- **How will Bible Buddy pairs be determined?**
- **How could my faith grow by becoming a Bible Buddy?**
- **How do I mentor a young person at my age (pre-teens to our eldest members are encouraged to become Bible Buddies)?**
- **Who will be my child’s Bible Buddy?**
- **Can I partner with another person my age and share a buddy? (Yes - learn how!)**
- **How do I sign up?!**

Faith Formation Updates

Page 2: More information on the August 21 and 28th Forums — a time to learn about what Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings will look like this year!



Welcome, Stefanie!



Hello! My name is Stefanie Fiser and I'm excited to be joining Peace to direct the adult choir and children's choir! I grew up singing in a Lutheran Church in

Denver, CO. After high school I attended St. Olaf College, and once the initial culture shock wore off, I realized that the Midwest is a great place for me!

I have spent the last eight years in the Twin Cities, teaching music in a variety of settings including public schools, community choirs and church choirs. I am passionate about keeping the Lutheran music tradition strong and passing on the music of the church. I truly believe singing is for everyone.

This year in addition to working at Peace, I will continue my position as Artistic Director of the Twin Cities Girls' Choir, near where I live in South Minneapolis. I also have the honor of singing in the National Lutheran Choir. In my free time I like to read, sew, and spend time with my boyfriend, Eric. I look forward to meeting all of you, and singing and worshipping together in God's house!

Peace Notes

3695 County Road 101 N. Plymouth, MN 55446
763.478.9406
peace@peaceofplymouth.org
www.peaceofplymouth.org

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.

Lead Pastor	Rev. Kjell Ferris
Life Long Faith Formation Pr.	Rev. Emily Meyer
Director of Volunteer Ministries	Judy Lubben
Communications Specialist	Laura Castle
Parish Nurse	Sondra Weinzierl
Minister of Music	Steve Peters
Choir Director	Stefanie Fiser

Faith Formation Updates

Sunday Forums: August 21 & 28 | 10:00AM

What will Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings look like this year? There is something for all ages each Sunday and Wednesday! Attend these forums to learn more.



PeaceFull Nights and Sunday mornings are getting Peace-FULLER! Adults of all ages, and parents of Sunday school, confirmation and high school kids, (especially anyone interested in being a Bible Buddy) are strongly encouraged to participate in both these forums to

learn about study times and formats in the upcoming program year. We'll discuss calendar and scheduling, topics and curriculum, format and scope & sequence. These forums will offer learning and community building opportunities for all ages for the upcoming program year –

Ministry of the Month



July 10-15 was a week to be remembered by six senior high youth, and three adult chaperones (Matt & Nancy Peterson and Michael Sorenson). They shared about their experience living together on a house-boat for a week and growing in their faith during worship on July 17. Thank you to all who helped support this ministry!

HOT SHEET

AUGUST

What's hot and happenin' at Peace?



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Welcome Sunday

Sunday, September 11

9:00AM Worship

10:00AM Treats & Fellowship

10:15AM Intergenerational activity &
“God’s Work, Our Hands” service project

This is a morning to INVITE your friends and neighbors! It’s going to be a big, wonderful time of worship, with an intergenerational learning and service experience immediately following worship. Be ready to engage AND be engaged! We are here to use *our hands to do God’s work* in this world!



Family Camp

August 12-14

Family Camp Worship

August 21 / 9:00AM

Registration is still open—find a form at the information desk or contact Pastor Emily. Family Camp is at Luther Point Bible Camp where families and individuals of all ages are invited to gather to strengthen relationships and build new ones! Time will be spent enjoying arts and crafts, study times, swimming, and finding some quiet time apart. Those who go will bring parts of camp worship back to share—this will be a fun way for the whole congregation to be blessed by the Family Camp experience!

Organ Rededication Concert

Saturday, October 1 / 3:30PM

The organ restoration project is completed and there will be a concert to celebrate! Save the date and stay tuned for more details. Thank you to all who helped support this. Until then—enjoy the sound of the organ each Sunday morning!



Dinner & Worship

Volunteer Evening

Tuesday, August 9

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.

Whether you are a long-time volunteer or looking to become involved in a new way—we need your participation and input as we work together to think about how we can continue to be hospitable and inviting to all people. Please plan to be here for this evening!

If you have never served in any of these roles before, that’s okay! 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

PARISH NURSE NEWS

Parents of Nursery Age Children: Meet Sam!

We are delighted to introduce Samantha Bartelt as our new Childcare Specialist. "Sam" recently graduated from Armstrong High School and will be attending North Hennepin Community College in the fall. She loves children and has a lot of child care experience. She is eager to meet your children and give them a nurturing experience in Peace's nursery. Sam's first Sunday was July 17th. Stop in and say "Hi."



As we welcome Sam, it is also a good time to review our nursery guidelines and policies. Our goal is to provide a safe, healthy and nurturing experience for your children ages 0-3 years old. Sam will provide you with a complete list of the guidelines, but here are a few reminders:

- Peace needs the help of parents to keep the nursery neat and clean. If your child plays in the Peace nursery during the week, please visit the nursery before you leave and help your child pick up toys, etc. Sam has limited time on Sunday morning to clean the nursery and this would be most helpful.
- The nursery needs to be free of all types of nuts. No snacks are served in the nursery and please do not send food of any type into the nursery with your child on Sunday mornings or other times. With tree nut allergies so prevalent, it is our job to reduce the chance that children are exposed to these allergens while in the nursery.
- To keep children healthy, please avoid bringing your child if he/she is running a temperature, has a communicable illness or is not well enough to play.
- Please remember to sign in and sign out your child each time. Staff cannot release a child to a person who is not authorized to sign them out.
- You can contact Sondra Weinzierl, Judy Lubben or Pastor Kjell with suggestions and concerns that you have for the Peace nursery. As more young families are welcomed into this community, it's important to provide a welcom-



MONTHLY BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Sondra, Peace's Parish Nurse offers blood pressure checks from 8:40-9:00AM and 10:00-10:15AM one Sunday each month. Stop by her office to get your blood pressure checked. The next few months, checks will be offered these Sundays:

August 7 & September 4

Thank you from Peter Mayer...

"My son Brendan and I send our heartfelt thanks to you for inviting us to join you for the morning Eco-justice service in April. I was inspired by Peace's dedication to open and frank discussion of environment and social justice. Brendan commented as we drove away, 'Now that is a church I could be a part of!'. We appreciate the generous hospitality you showed us and pray for God's blessings on Peace's ministries."

PeaceFull Nights

First PeaceFull Night: September 14

5:30PM Dinner | 6:00PM Bible Study & programming

7:00PM Celebration Singers | 7:45PM Adult Choir & Bells

PeaceFull Nights are almost back! Dinner, programming for all ages and musical rehearsals - there's something for everyone at PeaceFull Nights! New this year, we will be offering nursery care for toddlers. Young families: we want you to join in the small groups and studies offered on Wednesdays— nursery care should make this easier for you!

AUGUST 2016

Summer Office Hours

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

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8AM ROMEO Breakfast (Perkins)	2 10AM Faithfully Fit 12:30PM Staff Meeting	3	4	5	6
7 8:40AM Blood Pressure Checks 9AM Worship 10AM Blood Pressure Checks	8	9 <i>Primary Election Day</i> 10AM Faithfully Fit 12:30PM Staff Meeting 5:30PM Pizza Dinner & Worship Volunteer Training 7PM Committee & Council Meetings	10	11 9AM Quilting Group	12 FAMILY CAMP ----->	13
14 9AM Worship FAMILY CAMP	15 <i>Newsletter submission deadline</i> 5:30PM YogaDevotion	16 12:30PM Staff Meeting	17 8AM Women's Break- fast (Panera)	18 7PM Knitting & Needlework Group (Panera)	19	20
21 9AM Worship 10AM Forum: Faith Formation for Fall 2016	22 5:30PM YogaDevotion	23 10AM Faithfully Fit 12:30PM Staff Meeting	24	25 9AM Quilting Group	26	27
28 9AM Worship 10AM Forum: Faith Formation for Fall 2016	29 5:30PM YogaDevotion	30 10AM Faithfully Fit 12:30PM Staff Meeting	31	1	2	3

It's harvest time! 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!



Peace Lutheran Church
3695 County Road 101 N
Plymouth, MN 55446-2907
Peaceofplymouth.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S POSTAGE PAID

WAYZATA, MN
PERMIT NO. 86

August

Sunday Schedule

The study on Revelation is a 7 week series (July 21-September 4) that will dive into this fascinating piece of apocalyptic literature. Peace has started to take a closer look at one book in the Bible as a part of summer worship. Last year was Ephesians and this year is Revelation. The book of Revelation calls Christians to remain faithful to Christ and to resist the powers of evil—knowing that God will prevail and bring salvation. Revelation is a series of six cycles of visions, each of which warns of the dangers arising from sin and evil.

Each cycle concludes by showing readers the glories of worship in God's presence and gives reason for hope. Revelation is a message of hope for all!

August 7

Revelation: Christ the Lamb
9 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion
Revelation 5:1-13

August 14

Revelation: The Four Horsemen
9 AM Worship
Revelation 6:1-8, 7:9-17

August 21

Revelation: The Two Beasts
9 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion
Revelation 13:1-18

August 28

Revelation: The Harlot and Great Battle
9AM Worship
Revelation 17:1-6, 19:11-16

September 4

Revelation: The New Jerusalem
9AM Worship w/ Holy Communion
Revelation 21:1-6, 22:1-5