



Peace Notes

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA

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Pastor Emily and the Faith Formation Committee have been working hard to intentionally plan Sunday morning and Wednesday evening ministry programming based on input from the congregation and these two CAT Goals:

- *How might we welcome families with children and youth?*
- *How might we reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the congregation?*

Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Bible studies will be using the Narrative Lectionary readings from that particular week. There are opportunities for all ages to grow, learn, serve and be in community with one another!

SUNDAY MORNING

9:00-10:00am — Worship

10:00-10:15am — Children's Choir

10:00-11:00am — Age specific Sunday School &

WEDNESDAY EVENING

5:30-6:00pm — Dinner

6:00-6:20pm — Bible Buddies & Clean-up

6:20-6:30pm — Contemplative Bible Story time

6:30-7:00pm — Youth Worship Arts (choir, bells, media arts)
& Adult Small Groups

7:00-7:30pm — Bible Study

7:00-7:45pm — Celebration Singers Rehearsal

7:45-8:45pm — Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:45-8:45pm — Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal

2016

VOCATION THEME

The idea that in Jesus' name we are...

claimed & called

This year, Peace will engage in questions of vocation—the idea that in Jesus' name we are claimed and called. In baptism we are re-named “Children of God” and in our giftedness and brokenness we are called to be God's hands, seeking the well-being of our neighbors. Peace kicks off this theme on Welcome Sunday, September 11, with a six week look at God's presence and work in our world and in our stories.

In this issue: Family Camp photos!





Over 20 people attended the volunteer training on August 9 and discussed hospitality shaped by gratitude!

In her book, *Making Room, Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition*, Christine Pohl says,

"A life of hospitality begins in worship, with a recognition of God's grace and generosity. Hospitality is not first a duty and responsibility; it is first a response of love and gratitude for God's love and welcome to us."

As Peace continues working toward the CAT goal concerning hospitality, this gathering was a fun time to dream and plan about how to be more hospitable, especially in and around worship. New voices are welcome in the discussion and new adults and youth are welcome as lectors, ushers, greeters, communion assistants and acolytes. Call Judy in the office (763.478.9406) to sign up as a worship volunteer and be part of this goal!

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How will Bible Buddy partnerships help welcome families with young children & integrate them into the life of Peace?

The intent of Bible Buddies is to match people from various age groups together. These pairs will have opportunities to work, learn, converse and grow in faith together. They will help one another become more integrated in the life of the congregation and as we love and encourage one another, we will hopefully extend invitations to others to join our family of faith. As new people join Peace, Bible Buddies will be one avenue through which we'll connect new folks with long-term members and families.

What kind of commitment am I making if I become a Bible Buddy?

This can vary but hopefully Bible Buddies will check-in with one another every Wednesday evening. Certainly there will be Wednesdays when one or the other buddy won't be present, but consistency will be important. Checking in with one another on Sunday mornings will also be encouraged, though very informal.

How will Bible Buddy pairs be determined?

Each person is encouraged to consider who their Bible Buddy should be. Those who know who they want to partner with will be encouraged to do so. Those who are open to being a Bible Buddy, but don't know who their partner should be will be guided by Pastor Emily.

How could my faith grow by becoming a Bible Buddy?

Through weekly conversations about how the biblical stories intersect with our lives today, we help one another see God at work in our world - often in new and unexpected ways. As we explore and experience God's presence and action in new ways, our faith can grow.

How do I mentor a young person at my age?

Adults and youth will mentor one another. No one will be an expert - we're all learning and growing together. Prompting questions, engaging group conversations, and facilitated Bible Buddy breakfasts will help everyone learn how to engage one another and become more encouraging of faith!

· Who will be my child's Bible Buddy?

Parents can have a say in their child's Bible Buddy. We hope young people will choose their Buddies; parents should be a part of that decision. All adult Bible Buddies will be asked to participate in a Safe Church training.

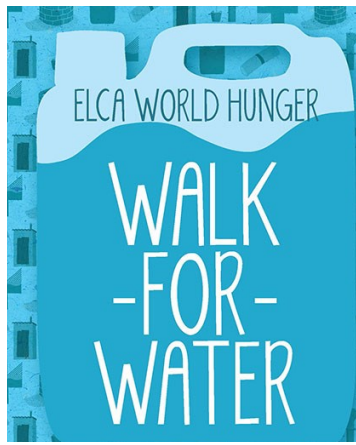
· Can I partner with another person my age and share a buddy?

Yes! Consistency is very important when mentoring one another. Please check with Pastor Emily if you'd like to partner with a spouse or other individual in mentoring a young person.

HOT SHEET

SEPTEMBER

What's hot and happenin' at Peace?



Walk-For-Water Campaign begins Welcome Sunday *September 11, 9AM*

Come learn how you can be part of this important ministry on Welcome Sunday. Peace will be kicking off a two month long campaign, with the goal of raising \$600 for the ELCA Walk-For-Water initiative. Funds

will help provide readily available drinking water to millions of people who do not have easy access to it worldwide.

Everyone can participate—it's simple! Bring an empty container (bottle, milk gallon, etc.) and also a small sample of water (in a closed container) from a place that's important to you (lake, creek, sink, local park). These will be used during and after worship.

Organ Rededication Concert

Saturday, October 1, 3:30PM

Peace has recently undergone an extensive restoration of their Marklove Pipe Organ and will be hosting a rededication concert, with guest organist, Dr. Daniel Corneliussen. Peace is excited to welcome back Daniel! He is a former organist at Peace, and a highly skilled, life long church musician.

The event is free and open to the public. Consider inviting others to this special event!



Bloom's Annual Scholarship Benefit

Friday, October 7 | 6:30PM



Peace is still in conversation regarding a partnership with Bloom Early Learning and Child-care. There are no new developments to report, but a forum will be held in October to discuss next steps. To learn more about Bloom, you're invited to their annual fundraiser and gala, to be held at the Plymouth Creek Center Ballroom. The funds from this event help provide nurturing care and quality early childhood education for children from low-income families in our community. Art Rolnick, Senior Fellow and Co-Director of the Human Capital Research Collaborative at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs will share about his work advancing multidisciplinary research on child development and social policy. Tickets are \$65/person. The evening includes dinner, entertainment and raffle prizes.

Contact Pastor Kjell if you are interested in attending.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. For His steadfast Love endures forever."

1 Chronicles 16:34

Harvest season is among us! Cucumbers, tomatoes, lettuce, zucchini and more! The Peace garden has produced vegetables in abundance. Each Sunday through the fall there will be vegetables available. Please help yourself.

With harvest, also comes care...if you're up for it, the garden could use some weeding and thistle patrol!



PARISH NURSE NEWS

September is **National Suicide Prevention Month**.



While we don't like to think or talk about suicide, it is critical that we do. As we've learned, suicide is something that happens in our schools and communities. We can help prevent it by becoming more aware.

- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among 15-24 year olds and the 10th leading cause of death in the US.
- 90% of those dying by suicide have underlying mental illness.
- Warning signs of mental illness include excessive worry; fear; sadness; avoiding friends; not finding joy or fun in activities; changes in sleeping or eating habits; substance abuse; multiple physical symptoms with no obvious cause; anxiety, changes in school or work performance and many others.

On Sunday, October 2nd the Health Ministry is sponsoring a forum at Peace: QPR (Question, Persuade and Refer). Janet Benz, a nursing professor at St. Kate's and the mother of Christopher Benz, who committed suicide in 2007, will share with us the importance of recognizing the warning signs of suicide and learning skills to help save a life. Janet and her husband formed the Christopher Benz Foundation after the death of their son. They are passionate about connecting communities for suicide prevention.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to Peace to hear Dr. Benz. Check out the Health Ministry Bulletin Board for more information.

To Your Health,
Sondra



**Memorial
BLOOD CENTERS**

BLOOD DRIVE

September 21 | 3:30-6:30PM

Sign up at the information desk after worship on Sunday mornings in September or contact Pam Jette:

612.986.5898,
pamjette@hotmail.com

Thank you!

A giant thank you to the anonymous donor who donated \$700 (a complete Pathways Houseboat Campership) to the Peace youth. They are so grateful for your generous spirit! Whoever you are, peace and thanks to you for being God's agent in helping to make this blessing real.



SEPTEMBER 2016

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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4 8:40AM Blood Pressure Checks 9AM Worship (no nursery) 10AM Blood Pressure Checks	5 <i>Labor Day: office closed</i>	6 10AM Faithfully Fit 12:30PM Staff Meeting 7PM Committee & Council Meetings	7	8 9AM Quilting Group	9	10
11 <i>Welcome Sunday</i> 9AM Worship 10AM "God's Work. Our Hands" Walk For Water campaign kick-off!	12 8AM ROMEO Breakfast (Perkins) 5:30PM Yogadevotion	13 10AM Faithfully Fit 12:30PM Faith & Hope Circle (Carolyn Stark's) 12:30PM Staff Meeting	14 <i>First PeaceFull Night</i> 5:30PM Dinner 6:00PM Bible Study & activities (all ages) 7:00 Celebration Singers 7:45 Adult Choir & Adult Handbells	15 <i>Newsletter submission deadline</i> 7PM Knitting & Needle-work Group (Panera)	16	17
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September

Sunday Schedule

Who chooses the Sunday Bible readings?

Peace uses the Narrative Lectionary, which was initiated by professors at Luther Seminary, in partnership with congregations across North America. The stories chosen tell of hope and disappointment, suffering and redemption. In all these varied contexts, we find God dealing with the complexities of human life. The Narrative Lectionary is a four-year cycle of Bible readings for the Sundays from September through May. Each year the texts follow the entire biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church. The readings invite people to hear the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the prophets, Jesus, and Paul all with the goal of empowering vibrant faith—the connection between faith and daily life.

September 4

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

September 11

Welcome Sunday!
Creation & Garden of Eden
9AM Worship
Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8

September 18

God's Promise to Abraham
9AM Worship w/ Holy Communion
Genesis 15:1-6

September 25

God Works Through Joseph
9AM Worship
Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21