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PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA

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PEACE'S MINISTRY PLAN

Peace Lutheran... small for our members, big for our community.

We know and care about each other and our community, across the street and across the globe.

Peace is small for our members through worship and hospitality.

Worship is experiencing the presence of the living God and being sent into the world for the sake of our neighbor. Worship connects scripture with the realities of our daily lives. Worship shows us how Jesus' love frees us, empowering us to act on some of the most pressing issues of our day, like: environmental stewardship, gender equality, intercultural awareness. God's mission is our way forward. We listen to and follow the Holy Spirit.



Hospitality has always been a strength at Peace and we continue to focus on it by getting to know newcomers and being a Christ community with them. This summer a group will train on best practices for inviting and welcoming newcomers and by fall a hospitality team will be at work. Maybe that is you--sign up at the Welcome Desk or by calling the office.

Hospitality is also about **children and youth ministry**. Peace's work equipping parents and accompanying young people. Peace focuses on creative ways to tangibly support, resource and involve young people and families in all facets of church. Hospitality toward our older generations or "honoring our parents" has been a priority and we will

continue to care for, support and utilize the gifts of the older generations.

Being big to our community is about MISSION.

At Peace, people are our heart and Jesus is our message. All our programming reflects Jesus' call to **do justice and love mercy**. Through Peace, people have opportunities to learn, do charity and participate in advocacy.

Mission trips are a part of this, they make a difference in the communities we serve and they enliven the people who go. Peace is sending a group to the Dominican Republic this fall, October 21-28. We will also have closer mission trips, one to a city close enough to drive for a long weekend, mission trips into Minneapolis overnight and Wednesday night excursions. Peace is about caring for our neighbor across the street and across the globe.

Ministry Plan Roll Out

Sunday, August 6 at 10:00am after worship in the Fireside Room

Hear more about the Ministry Plan and how you can be a part of making ministry happen.

Cottage Meeting Recap

In late June and early July five Cottage Meetings were held, each having about 15 participants. The groups spent time in Scripture, listened to Pastor Kjell talk about the proposed Ministry Plan and give feedback. There was overwhelming support for the plan and excitement about Peace's direction. Most of the conversation was about the Ministry Plan but groups also talked about music in worship, confirmation, youth ministry and more. There is a full written report at the Welcome Desk.

Welcome!

At Peace Lutheran Church, people of all ages — children, teens and adults—are a very important part of the faith community. At Peace you'll see children in worship, teens serving and families exploring their faith together in Jesus Christ.

Ministries for all ages help people grow in faith, connect in the community and share their strengths by serving others.

At Peace, there is a place for you!

Adults:

- Men's & Women's Breakfast groups, Brewing Faith, Hope Circle
- YogaDevotion, Faithfully Fit & Health Forums
- Knitting, Quilting and Needlepoint groups
- Adult Choir, Celebration Singers & Adult Bells
- Serving, Community Garden & Peace Retreat

Children & Youth:

- Sunday School & Nursery
- Confirmation & Youth Group
- Children's Musical Ensemble & Youth Handbells
- Summer Youth Trip & Children's Day Camp
- Intergenerational Bible Buddies

SUNDAY MORNING

9:00-10:00am—Worship

10:00-11:00am—Fellowship for All Ages



Peace is social!

Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to stay connected.
Please like and share our postings to spread the word about all Peace has to offer!





TREE HOUSE CELEBRATION!

Tree House is celebrating it's 10 Year Anniversary! The community is invited to the Open House on Saturday, August 19 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm at Peace Lutheran. Featuring food trucks and a bouncy house for the kids! A small program will be held at 1:00pm with an alumni and youth speaker.



CANOE THE MISSISSIPPI

Sunday, October 22 from 1:00pm-4:00pm @North Regional Park

You are invited by the Minneapolis Area Synod's EcoFaith Network to travel down the Mississippi River through Minneapolis with trained river guides. This project is made possible by Hennepin County Green Partners and the Minneapolis Area Synod ELCA EcoFaith Network. Together we are raising awareness about our shared water resources. The EcoFaith Network encourages all participants to share their river stories with their congregation in some way.

There will be 100+ people traveling the river in 10-person Voyageur canoes guided by experts from Wilderness Inquiry. The cost is \$10/person. Simply email the church office to register and drop off a check made out to Peace Lutheran.

Instructions, gear, prayer, and introductions will start promptly at 1:00. Our guides and guests will share with us faith and science connections to the river before, during, and after the experience. Dress for the weather in layers as we will be paddling rain or shine. You will not need sandals, towels, or swimsuits. Do pack a water bottle, river questions, and a way to capture the story to share with your congregation! Free Parking is available.

Affordable Housing for Working Families

Have you lived in subsidized housing?

If you have lived in a home you or your parents own, then congratulations, you too have lived in subsidized housing. The type of housing assistance that most people think of is public housing and housing choice vouchers that limit what a household pays for rent to 30 percent of their income. The Department of Housing and Urban Development runs these programs and Congress allots about \$38 billion per year for them. The second government funded financial assistance for housing is the mortgage-interest tax deduction, which allows

homeowners who itemize deduction to deduct the interest they pay off their home loans (this can be applied to second homes, including boats with bedrooms). The households that benefit most from this earn between \$100,000 and \$500,000 a year. This costs the federal government upwards of \$100,000 billion a year. Learning about these two programs often changes how people view housing subsidies in the USA.

Do you want to learn more?

Read *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond, where he talks about the toll that housing instability takes on poor families—and how better-off homeowners are more connected to evicted families than they may think.



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PARISH NURSE NEWS

“Lunch and Learn” Series Coming Up!!

Research tells us that one way to stay young is to keep learning! The Parish/Faith Community Nurses of Plymouth are collaborating to offer five lunch and learn sessions for ages 55 and above. The sessions will be held at each of our churches, so you'll get a chance to meet other seniors and visit other faith communities.

The first session will be held at **Messiah United Methodist Church** on Thursday, **September 21** and the topic is preventing falls. Did you know that 1:3 persons over the age of 65 will experience a fall and that many of those falls can lead to serious injury? In fact, the leading cause of death in the age group 65 and above are falls! **Tracy Kiebler**, an expert on fall prevention will present: **“Upright and Balanced: A Wellness Approach for Falls Prevention”**



Each session starts at 11 a.m. and includes lunch. Cost is \$5/person and you must register ahead of time. Watch for the registration form in early September or contact me if you have questions. (763-478-1027)

On **November 16 from 11-1 p.m.** **Officer James Long from the Plymouth Police will be at Peace Lutheran to present: Avoiding Scams and Fraud: Staying Safe.** Officer Long will help us identify the 10 most common scams, talk with us about computer safety, when to call 911 and other tips for staying safe.



Your friends, neighbors and family are invited to each of these sessions which will continue in 2018. More information will be available about the dates and locations this fall. But, please mark your calendars for these two dates in 2017.

To your health! Sondra

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for Peace on Parade!
Together we shared the hospitality of Peace by handing out 500 brochures to new faces.



Men's Activities

ROMEO BREAKFAST
Monday, August 7
8:00am at Perkins

BREWING FAITH
Monday, August 7
4:45pm at Rock Elm Tavern

Women's Activities

QUILTING
Thursdays, August 10 & 24
9:00am at Peace

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST
Wednesday, August 16
8:00am at Panera

KNITTING & NEEDLEPOINT
Thursday, August 17
7:00pm at Panera