



Peace Notes

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adj 1: free in giving or sharing 2: plentiful syn open-handed

How do I live generously?

1. I give my money and time out of an overwhelming sense of gratitude toward God and the work God is doing in my life and the world.
2. We are in this together.

Community is about support; both being supported and supporting. The Peace community supports me in faith and daily life and supports other organizations and people through giving and service. My giving is me being part of the community.

3. Act of resistance. To "want more" is a message I'm constantly being told. Giving my money away is a form of positive protest. Giving is me saying, "Yes!" to a worldview that values all people. My generosity is me creating the joy-filled world God desires for us all.



Thank you for everyone's help!!

We packed 120 kits!

Remember and Rejoice—

renewed by floods of grace.

“See what great love God has lavished on us!” 1st John 3. God, is **love**. We experience God’s love in many places — family, nature, and at Peace Lutheran are a few of the places. God’s love works through Peace creating a **community** to nurture and support you and the whole congregation. God’s love also works through Peace, empowering us to go out into our world with Christ’s **mission** — making the world a better place for all. Generosity is at the heart of God and Christian life. God’s love empowers us to see the needs of others and give generously. As part of our celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Peace is talking about the stewardship of our strengths, time and money. Peace’s worship, programs and service will celebrate our stewardship and invite us all to reflect on how we are using God’s gifts, culminating with the nailing of our 2018 financial pledge cards to a door during worship on Reformation Day, October 29. Thank you for living Generously!

Pastor Kjell Ferris



Dominican Republic Mission Trip October 20-28

While in the Dominican Republic, the team will work at an area school and build a home for Victor and Keyla and their two children. Right now their home has only one bedroom. The family and members of the community will have the concrete foundation and cinderblock walls complete and the mission trip group will work together to complete a three bedroom home.

The area where Peace and Lord of Life mission trip will be serving was not greatly affected by the recent hurricanes. There were significant amounts of rain but no serious losses to homes or crops.

Thank you for your prayers during the recent hurricanes and as the team travels to be in ministry with this community.



Bloom Update

Over that last year and a half, Peace has explored partnership with Bloom Early Learning and Childcare. One of the options was Bloom opening a second site in Peace’s building. Largely because of the needed updates to Peace’s facility the startup costs were very high and Bloom was able to find a more economical partnership with whom to do their expansion. The Building Use taskforce will now restart their work of finding a partnership to more fully utilize Peace’s building space in a way that furthers Christ’s mission in our community.



PARISH NURSE NEWS

We Love Having Your Children in Church

I often watch young families in worship and sense some of the tension parents feel when their little ones have trouble sitting still or being quiet. I wish I could tell the parents right then and there, *"It's okay! We love having your kids in worship."* (and I often do right after the service!)

I understand that it's tough, as a parent, to be able to relax and worship when your children are demanding your attention. And, for little ones aged 0-3 years, we have a nursery staffed with experienced babysitters from 8:30-11:30 a.m. who will lovingly care for them.

We encourage your use of the "busy bags" that are in the back of the church and want you to feel free to bring coloring books or other quiet activities. We also have a small table with coloring books and puzzles outside the sanctuary where you can still hear the sermon if it does become necessary to take your child out of worship.

But, try not to worry too much if your child makes some noise or cries or whines. Child development experts have found that it's very hard for young children to sit quietly with nothing to do for an hour of worship. And when we expect children to do things they're

not developmentally able to do, we only create frustration for them and for ourselves. The last thing we want to do is create a dislike for going to church because we, as parents, are punitive, impatient or mad at them when they're there.

Peace wants to foster a climate where young children learn to love being with their "church family" in worship. We want your child to feel that he or she is an important part of Peace right now! They don't need to wait until they can pray, sit quietly or worship in a certain way. Your devotion to helping them learn to worship will have awesome rewards. It takes time, but eventually, your child will be worshipping right alongside you following along with songs, prayers and stories of Jesus and the Bible.

I know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church. Please know that your family — with all of its noise, struggle, commotion, and joy — are not simply tolerated, you are a vital part of the Peace community gathered in worship.

**To your health!
Sondra**

Peace Notes is a monthly newsletter. Deadline for submissions is the second Friday of the month prior to publication.

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Confirmation Reformation

By Eden Weinhandl

YOUTH

This year Peace confirmation kids are doing an activity called Confirmation Reformation. This is a group where kids from different churches meet. There are ten churches involved and seventy kids. We do all kinds of activities and games while learning and working on confirming our faith. We meet once a month, and it's at a different location every time.

September 17th was our very first time doing it, we met at the Synod Office. We played games like "Would You Rather" and "I Love My Neighbor". Then we did a small 10 minute sermon and we split up for different things. One thing that we split up for was a talk with Emily Meyer, former pastor at Peace Lutheran church, Pastor Susan from a church in Nokomis Heights, and Melissa Weinhandl from our congregation here at Peace.

The other thing that we did was a tour of the Synod Office with John Hulden, the assistant of the Bishop at the Synod Office. He is very fun and he obviously likes to talk about what the Synod Office is all about. We started at the 6th floor and we kept going down and talked about each floor. We didn't spend too much time on each floor which kept everybody awake and moving. My favorite thing that we did was the tour of the Synod Office because I loved the view from the 6th floor and they do super cool things at the Synod Office like build schools in Haiti.



Celebrating the Reformation with Music

At the end of October, Peace, along with Lutherans and Protestants around the world will commemorate the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, started by Martin Luther in 1517.

Luther was fond of music, writing numerous hymn texts and other pieces to be used in worship. Have you noticed the parts of Luther's writings that Peace is using in worship this fall?

Reformation Worship

There is a worship service featuring Presiding ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, the National Lutheran Choir, and several church choirs from around the Twin Cities, including singers

from the Peace Adult Choir! The service is free and open to the public and will be at Central Lutheran Church in downtown Minneapolis. 10/29/17 @ 4pm.

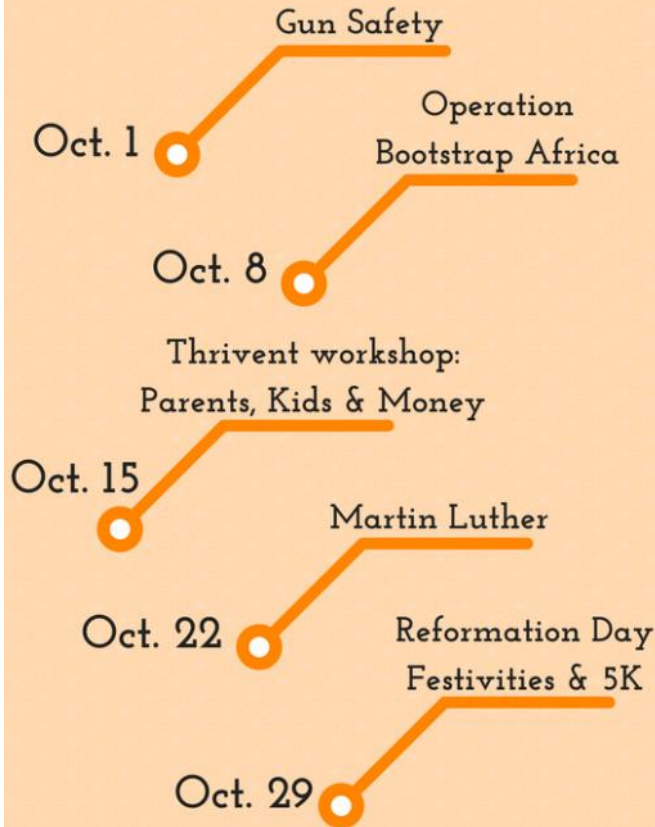
Holy Spirit Mass

A BRAND NEW piece of music has been commissioned for the 500th Anniversary by the National Lutheran Choir. Norwegian Composer Kim André Arneson has written The Holy Spirit Mass, a multi-movement work for choir and strings celebrating the one-ness of Christians, and the steps toward unity that the Catholic Church and the ELCA are taking. 10/27/17 @ 8pm at the Basilica of St. Mary, 10/28/17 @ 4pm at the Ordway Concert Hall.

Did you know that Stefanie Fiser Kleven, our Minister of Music, is in the National Lutheran Choir?

October Forums

SUNDAYS AT 10AM



Canoe the Mississippi

YOU ARE INVITED BY THE
MINNEAPOLIS AREA SYNOD TO TRAVEL
DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER
THROUGH MINNEAPOLIS !

Oct. 22 - North Regional Park
12 - 1pm Brown Bag Lunch & Worship
1-4pm Canoe



**Only \$10
per person!**

SIGN UP WITH YOUR NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS BY THE
WELCOME DESK.

Reformation Day 5K

Oct. 29, 2017 / 10:30 am

Peace Lutheran



CELEBRATE REFORMATION DAY BY
RUNNING THE REFORMATION DAY 5K!
ENTRANCE FEE IS A FREE WILL
DONATION - ALL PROCEEDS GO
TOWARD LUTHERAN DISASTER
RESPONSE TO HELP HURRICANE
SURVIVORS

STOP BY THE OFFICE TO GRAB A REGISTRATION FORM OR
REGISTER ONLINE AT OUR WEBSITE!

Celebrating Reformation with music!

HOLY SPIRIT MASS

>Friday, Oct. 27 @ 8p
Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis
>Saturday, Oct. 28 @ 4p
Ordway Concert Hall, St. Paul

**Tickets available at
www.nlca.com**

**Free and open to
the public!**

REFORMATION WORSHIP

>Sunday, Oct. 29 @ 4p
Central Lutheran Church, Downtown
Minneapolis

Events

Families Moving Forward

On Monday, October 16, Peace is helping Plymouth Covenant Church to host Families Moving Forward, a Beacon Interfaith Housing program that houses people experiencing homelessness in church for a week at a time. If you would like to participate contact Jean Swanson at davepswanson@comcast.net.

Cranberry Ridge—

Family Housing in Plymouth

The next step in assuring working families access to housing in Plymouth is you making your voice heard. Plymouth's mayor and city council need to hear that you value families and want Plymouth to be a place for working families.

Show up to:

Planning Commission meeting: Wed., Oct. 18 at 7 p.m.

City Council vote: Tues., Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.

Email or call your council person.

Teaching children generosity

Nick and Annie Bowno said, Generosity—giving of our money and time to causes we believe are making the world a better place—is a value we want to give our two children... but we wonder how to do it best." Parents want to impart values to their children. Knowing how best to do that is a task often left to our best guess. Peace is partnering with Cara Lang of Thrivent to improve upon our own best guesses. Thrivent has done research with the Barna Institute on how best to share with our children our values around generosity.



Join Peace for...

Parents, Kids and Money Matters educational workshop designed specifically for parents and their children ages 6 to 10. The workshop will help you:

- Reflect on the values you want your kids to learn.
- Teach your kids about money and values.
- Learn practical tools to make teaching about money fun.

Sunday, October 15, 10:00am, RSVP to the office by October 6.

Operation Bootstrap for Africa

On Oct. 8, learn more about OBA during the Sunday forum. OBA's mission is to help young girls in Africa, mainly Tanzania with school.



Activities

>ROMEO BREAKFAST

Monday, Oct. 2; @ 8a; Perkins

>BREWING FAITH

Monday, Oct. 2 @ 4:45p
Rock Elm Tavern

>QUILTING

Thursdays, Oct. 12 & 26 @ 9a

>WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday, Oct. 18 @ 8a; Panera

>KNITTING & NEEDLEPOINT

Thursday, Oct. 19 @ 7p; Panera

>YOGADEVOTION

Mondays @ 5:30p

>PEACEFULL NIGHTS

Wednesdays @ 5:30p

>BUNDLES OF LOVE

Sept. 28 @ 3p

OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Worship with Communion	2 8a ROMEOs 4:45p Brewing Faith 5:30p Yogadevotion	3 10a Faithfully Fit 12p Staff Meeting 7p Committee Night	4 5:30 PeaceFull Nights	5 9a Luther Bible Study	6	7
8 9a Worship 10a Second Sunday	9	10 12p Staff Meeting 12:30 Faith & Hope Circles 7p Council Meeting	11 5:30 PeaceFull Nights	12 9a Quilting 9a Luther Bible Study	13	14
15 9a Worship with Communion	16 5:30p Yogadevotion 6:30p Girl Scout Troop #14513 Newsletter Deadline	17 12p Staff Meeting	18 8a Women's Breakfast 5:30p PeaceFull Nights	19 9a Luther Bible Study 7p Knitting & Needlework	20	21 Dominican Republic Mission Trip (DRMT)
22 9a Worship DRMT	23 5:30p Yogadevotion DRMT	24 10a Faithfully Fit 12p Staff Meeting DRMT	25 9a Newsletter Help 5:30p PeaceFull Nights DRMT	26 9a Quilting 9a Luther Bible Study 3p Bundles-Love DRMT	27 DRMT	28 9a Yogadevotion DRMT
29 9a Worship with Communion 10:30 5K	30 5:30p Yogadevotion	31 10a Faithfully Fit 12p Staff Meeting				

October

Psalm-a-day Readings

1	PSALM 22	12	PSALM 33	23	PSALM 44
2	PSALM 23	13	PSALM 34	24	PSALM 45
3	PSALM 24	14	PSALM 35	25	PSALM 46
4	PSALM 25	15	PSALM 36	26	PSALM 47
5	PSALM 26	16	PSALM 37	27	PSALM 48
6	PSALM 27	17	PSALM 38	28	PSALM 49
7	PSALM 28	18	PSALM 39	29	PSALM 50
8	PSALM 29	19	PSALM 40	30	PSALM 51
9	PSALM 30	20	PSALM 41	31	PSALM 52
10	PSALM 31	21	PSALM 42		
11	PSALM 32	22	PSALM 43		





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Welcome!

At Peace , people of all ages — children, teens and adults—are a very important part of the faith community. 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, Bundles of Love 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.

Small for our members, big for our community.