



Peace Notes

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA

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Vocation

Fatih in Daily Life

Join a 5 week Small Group

**Sundays at 10am or Wednesdays at 6:15pm
Oct 27 - Nov 27**

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Why Vocation? Romans 14 says, "Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." The second part has most often been used at funerals, but it fails to capture the full confession, in *all of life*, we are the Lord's. With this claim comes the call to fully live life in Jesus' name. We as Lutheran Christians utilize the word "**vocation**" to understand that **we who have been claimed by Christ in our baptisms are a called people**. We believe that vocation is significant for the church in today's world for the following reasons:

- God is present and at work in the world.
- We as individuals and as a community are called.
- Our vocation/calling is not just lived out in our professional life. It includes all the roles in which we find ourselves: family member, friend, citizen, worker, etc.
- We are likely to be more or less passionate about different roles we are called into; each realm matters because each realm is lived for the sake of our neighbor and the world God loves.
- Vocation calls us to deep engagement with the messiness of our world and lives, believing that God is already at work.

This is why Peace Lutheran is deeply committed to engage vocation through small groups and preaching with the whole congregation. We are very excited to see what this will mean for Peace and the lives of each individual within it.



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is giving to God. Stewardship is giving control of our lives to God. It is about taking seriously the words that we pray: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done." When we pray, "Thy will be done," we ask for what God wants to happen in our lives to take place. During the first three weeks of October, Peace will look specifically at God's generosity and our participation in God's giftedness.

Stewardship Forums

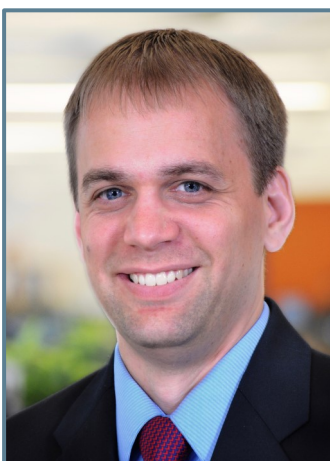
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| Oct 6 | Leaving a Legacy -- Dana Kalnina-Kakis |
| Oct 13 | We are the Environment -- Jesse Turk |
| Oct 20 | Our Part of the Whole -- Hannah Johnsrud |

Oct 6, Stewardship: Leaving a Legacy

Peace Lutheran Church has a legacy of generosity and over the last 40 years has made a lasting impact around the globe. At the girls school in Tanzania, in the hospital chaplain program in Latvia and in countless ministries in the Plymouth community. Dana Kalnina-Zakis, coordinator of the Latvian Chaplains, will virtually lead the forum from Latvia, telling the story of Peace's part in the creation of the hospital chaplain ministries in her country.



Dana Kalnina-Zakis



Jesse Turk

Oct 13, Stewardship: We are the Environment

Jesse Turk is an architect focusing on environmentally friendly building, and he attended the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Poland last December. Jesse will lead a forum sharing his passion for the environment. He will share stories about his stewardship of creation and stories he heard from others around the world that attended the Conference.

Oct 20 Stewardship: Our part of the whole.

Hannah Johnsrud works for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) helping congregations see the amazing ways we participate in the life of the global church. Hannah will preach and lead the forum, telling stories about her year volunteering with the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) Program in Israel/Palestine and how our stewardship impacts the work of Christians in the United States and around the world.



Hannah Johnsrud



Pictures from 2018 Christmas Pageant

2019 Christmas Pageant

Light of the world

It is October - in the land of church music directors, that means it's the season to get going on music for Christmas!

This year our CROSS+Generational Christmas Pageant will again be open to people of ALL ages. What would you like to contribute?? There is an interest form to fill out and return to Stefanie to indicate how you would like to participate.

Watch for more information coming soon. Here is the timeline for what to expect:

- **Sunday, September 29** - interest forms available to be filled out!
- **Sunday, October 13** - interest forms DUE to Stefanie!
- **Sunday, November 3** - receive speaking roles, instrument parts, etc.
- **Sunday, December 8** - present the pageant in worship at 9:00am

If you have ideas or questions, please contact Stefanie Fiser Kleven!
stefanie@peaceofplymouth.org



2018 Christmas Pageant

Parish Nurse News

This will be my last article as Peace's Parish Nurse. Have you ever had "mixed feelings" about a decision you've made? If so, you know exactly how I'm feeling. On one hand, I am excited about the exciting opportunity I've been given to prepare new faith community nurses to serve. I will be working for the Faith Community Nurse Network as their coordinator of the Foundations Course required for RNs who wish to become faith community nurses. I will be mentoring new Faith Community Nurses and helping them develop their ministries. And, because this role will be very flexible, Charlie and I will have more time to travel, enjoy retirement and volunteer.

But, on the other hand, I am feeling sad about leaving this wonderful family at Peace. You have welcomed and embraced both Charlie and me since our first day here in September, 2013, and words can't express how much that means to both of us.



I'm so proud of Peace for making the commitment to having a Parish Nurse ministry. As your first Parish Nurse, I've been impressed with how you have supported my work and become involved in so many of the programs the Health Ministry has sponsored these last six years. I am grateful to the Health Ministry committee, Lisa Novak, Lisa Lukis and Connie Onan, who have provided invaluable guidance. It has been my privilege to visit and pray with so many of you when you have been ill or when you've experienced grief or other crises in your lives. We have laughed together and cried together. My visits, prayers and communion with Peace's homebound members have been so rewarding and I pray that some of you will consider becoming part of the congregational care team and reach out to those who are unable to come to church. And I sincerely thank Ann Baker, Jean Swanson and Grace Tauring who have so faithfully served on this team. Jeanette Colligan serves these homebound members by sending them cards from Peace every month and I often see her cards on their bedside tables. Thank you to the prayer shawl ministry knitters, to the Faithfully Fit and Yogadevotion participants and to all the volunteers who have made the Christmas Tea possible.

I am indebted to Pastor Kjell and the staff at Peace for their unconditional support of this ministry and I will greatly miss the teamwork and collaboration.

I pray that you will continue to support the Parish Nurse ministry at Peace and that you will soon have another Parish Nurse who will be able to experience this wonderful faith community. I hope you feel that the Parish Nurse ministry has helped Peace become a place where people feel cared for physically, emotionally and spiritually.

So, thank you...and, as I say goodbye on November 3, know that you have touched my life in so many ways and that you will always have a special place in my heart. God bless you all!

To Your Health, Sondra

Peace Lutheran has been given a wonderful gift in the person and ministry of Sondra. No words can fully express our thanks and gratitude for her years of dedication, grace and wisdom. We will bless and send Sondra during and after worship on Sunday, November 3.

--Pastor Kjell

Events & Notices

Interfaith Outreach SleepOut to end homelessness

Saturday, November 9th
6pm campfire and hotdogs at Peace Lutheran
7:30pm programming at Interfaith Outreach

Confirmation Update--retreat

A new year of Confirmation programming has begun! There are five incoming students who will be participating in classes on both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. This instruction will focus on Bible study and vocation. In November, there will be a day retreat that will have the confirmation families creating a covenant as well as writing a worship service that we will be using later in the year! If anyone has any questions or would like to help out with confirmation in any way, please contact Melissa Weinhandl at Melweinhandl@gmail.com or Pastor Kjell at Kjell@peaceofplymouth.org.

Dominican Republic Mission Trip February 1-8, 2020

Space is still available. Join the team from Peace and other local churches to build family homes in a small mountain village. Cost is \$700 plus airfare. For more details contact Annie Bonow at anniebonow@gmail.com

Buckthorn Bust

Saturday, October 19, 10a - 2p. Join in the fun of invasive species removal. Buckthorn is out competing native plants in the Peace Lutheran Oak Savanna. Come dressed to get dirty and bring your work gloves, other tools will be provided. Meet in church parking lot. Pastor Kjell for more information.

Congregational Care team?

We have several homebound members who would love to have you visit them monthly and bring them communion. You'll find this experience rewarding and inspiring. Training is provided; the time commitment is less than 2 hours/month and very flexible. Contact Sondra, Parish Nurse or Pastor Kjell for more information.

Did You Know?

The City of Plymouth has two programs that serve people of low to moderate income? There are resources for first time home buyers and housing rehabilitation for properties within Plymouth. Contact Matthew Lupini at the City of Plymouth to learn more. www.plymouthmn.gov

Events - Save the Date!

Saturday, October 19
Buckthorn Bust, 10a - 2p

Sunday, October 27,
Rite of Confirmation, 9a

Sunday, November 3,
Farewell and Blessing of
Sondra Weinzierl, 9a

Saturday, November 9,
Confirmation Retreat, 3 - 9p

Saturday, November 9,
Interfaith Outreach SleepOut, 6p

Sunday, December 8,
CROSS+Generational
Christmas Pageant, 9a

Saturday, December 14,
Women's Tea 10a-noon

Sunday, December 15,
Christmas Music Festival, 9a

Tuesday, December 24,
Christmas Eve Worship with
Holy Communion, 4:30p

Peace Notes is a monthly newsletter.
Deadline for submissions is the
20th of the month.



CAMP WAPO 2019



Peace Lutheran Church Staff

Lead Pastor	Rev. Kjell Ferris
Parish Nurse	Sondra Weinzierl
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Childcare Specialist	Serena Galatz

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Activities

ROMEO BREAKFAST

Monday, August 5 @ 8a; Perkins

BREWING FAITH

Monday, August 12 @ 4:45p
Rock Elm Tavern

QUILTING

Thursday, August 8 & 22 @ 9a

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday, August 21 @ 8a;
Panera

KNITTING & NEEDLEPOINT

Thursday, August 15 @ 7p; Panera

BUNDLES OF LOVE

Thursday, August 22 @ 3p

YOGADEVOTION

Mondays @ 5:30p



It's time for Wednesday Night Programming!

Summer is winding down, sunset is happening earlier, kids are going back to school.... and fall programming is starting up at Peace Lutheran Church!

Each Wednesday we gather as a community for mid-week activities. There is truly something for everyone; AND, in all areas with children, adults are needed as mentors and volunteers.

See below and plan on joining us for the first PeaceFull Night, Wednesday, September 11.

From September 11-December 11, here's what Wednesday nights will look like:

FALL 2019	PreK-4th Grade	5th-6th Grade	8th-12th Grade	Adults
5:30-6:00pm	Dinner (Fellowship Hall)			
6:00pm	Music (Room 111-112)	Connect (Room 107/108)	Youth Group/help with younger kids	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
6:30pm	Games (Activity Room)	Connect (Room 107/108)	Youth Group/help with younger kids	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
7:00-7:30pm	Youth Choir* (Sanctuary)			Bible Study (Fireside Room)
7:45-8:45pm			Adult Choir (Sanctuary) Adult Bells (Bell Room)	Adult Choir (Sanctuary) Adult Bells (Bell Room)

**Youth Choir is for anyone 12th grade and younger who wants to do more singing.
The only 'prerequisite' is being able to listen and learn until 7:30pm.*



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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 & Adult Bells
- Serving, Community Garden & Peace Retreat

Children & Youth:

- Sunday School & Nursery
- Confirmation & Youth Group
- Children's Music Ensemble & Youth Handbells
- Summer Youth Trip & Children's Day Camp

SUNDAY MORNING

9:00-10:00am—Worship

10:00-11:00am—Fellowship & Education for All Ages



Peace is social!

Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to stay connected.

Welcome. Worship. Service.