



# Peace Notes

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA

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## Summer Ministries 2020



### *Vocation and Family Sermon Series*

The last three Sundays in January Pastor Kjell's sermons will pair the Bible reading with vocation in our family life. The sermons will ask questions like: What does it mean to seek the thriving of the neighbor when that person is your parent whose health is failing. What does it mean when friends are more than family? How do we seek the thriving of our children in our decisions about their activities? What does it mean to be called in the dynamics with siblings? The decisions about family are matters of faith and these sermons will be real conversations about the joy and messiness of family.

*Vocation*  
Faith in Daily Life

**Camp Sunday** Sun, Feb 23, 9am

**Spaghetti Dinner Summer Ministries Fundraiser** Sun, Feb 23, 5-7:30 pm

**Day Camp** Jun 15 to Jun 18, 9 am - 3 pm

**Camp Wapo Seeds** Jul 17 to Jul 19  
(completed 2nd & 3rd grade)

**Camp Wapo Youth Camp** Jul 12 to Jul 17  
(completed 4th through 8th grade)

**High School Mission trip** Mid-August

# Summer Ministries

## Day Camp

***Mon, Jun 15 -- Thu, Jun 18, 9am - 3pm***

Day Camp is a place where fun and faith collide. Counselors from Camp Wapo come to Peace and lead four fun-filled days of Bible study, games, gardening, music, and worship!

***Registration opens February 23***

Camper (4 years - going into 5 grade): \$40

Youth Helper (6th - 9th grade): \$10

***Community dinner for all Jun 17, 5:00pm***



## Camp Wapo

The week is packed with a variety of activities that are meant to impact kids for life. Each day includes Bible study, chapel, cabin activities, free time, field games and campfire.

***Registration opens Jan 15***

Seeds (completed 2nd & 3rd grade): Fri, Jul 17 -- Sun, Jul 19, \$185, less \$100 scholarship from Peace

Youth camp (completed 4th - 8th grade) Sun, Jul 12 -- Fri, Jul 17, \$470 less \$250 scholarship from Peace



***Bring all your camp questions on Camp Sunday, Feb 23 at 10am for guest preacher Rev. Jeff Barrow, Interim Program Director at Camp Wapo.***

## High School Mission Trip

A service learning trip is in the works for mid-August!

Stay tuned for specific location and dates!

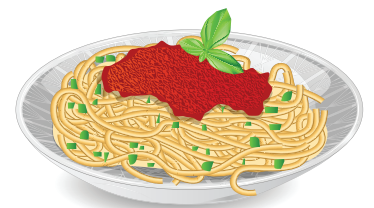
## Support Camp and Summer Ministries!

***Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser***

***Sun, Feb 23, 5-7:30pm***

The spaghetti dinner is a fun tradition at Peace. The free will offering, silent auction, and individual sponsorships are essential for funding summer ministries:

- **Camp Wapo Scholarships**
- **Day Camp programming and supplies**
- **High School service learning trip**



***This year, we have a goal of raising \$3,500 and we are looking forward to a fun evening!***



# Come and Worship at Peace!

Once again the holidays have come and gone; the coming of the Savior was prophesied in the Old Testament and Jesus was born. With the dawning of the new year we transition from the Old Testament into the New Testament. We will spend the winter and spring of 2020 making our way through the gospel of Mark and hearing the stories of Jesus' ministry from that book of the Bible.

We will start on January 5th with six weeks of Marty Haugen's Tree of Life liturgy. Then we'll finish up the season of Epiphany with a brand-new liturgy: the Confirmation students are putting together a service inspired by the ministry they experience at Bible Camp. They will be leading worship on February 16 and 23.

For our Sunday mornings in Lent we will return to the well-known Holy Communion Setting 4 in the ELW hymnal, composed by Ron Nelson. We will worship at 6:30pm on Wednesday nights with the Holden Evening Prayer service.

The season of Easter begins on April 12th, and throughout April and May we will sing Hans Peterson's Earth Keeping Liturgy. We will wrap the program year with the Music Festival on May 24th!

## Mark your calendars!

Palm Sunday is April 5th.

Maundy Thursday is April 9th.

Good Friday is April 10th.

Easter is April 12th.

The Spring Music Festival is May 24th.

*If you have ideas for worship, liturgies, hymns, and songs, you are always welcome to talk with Pastor Kjell Ferris or Stefanie Fiser Kleven.*





## Dominican Republic Mission Trip

Peace's Mission trip to the Dominican Republic is partnering with two other local congregations, Lord of Life and the Covenant Church in Maple Grove, to build 3 homes in the hills outside of San Cristobal. Your benevolence dollars are close to funding the building materials of one whole home. Please start praying for the team and join in their commissioning at worship on Jan 26. ***Please pray for: 1) God's blessings for all our travels & work, 2) God's love to shine through the team, 3) Great relationship-building with the Dominican people, 4) Families with new homes will be blessed and see God's love expressed, 5) Trip participants will have their faith grow through this experience.***

## Women's Tea

The annual Peace Lutheran Women's Christmas Tea was held on Saturday, Dec 14 with 70 attendees. Every year a charity is chosen to support and this year donations were given to the new **Bloom Early Learning and Child Care Center in Plymouth**. Dozens of toys and books were generously donated to Bloom's new center by those who attended the tea. Thank you!



## Vocation: FAITH IN DAILY LIFE - Bunny Rova

Bunny Rova is living her vocation one stitch at a time. Recently Peace member Bunny Rova donated two hundred pairs of mittens to Interfaith Outreach. This is a labor of love for Bunny, who has been knitting and donating mittens for decades. We wanted to know more about how this vocation began for Bunny, and what keeps her motivated.

"It is in my genes – my mother was a prolific knitter," says Bunny. While at the University of Minnesota, all of her friends played bridge, but she would knit. For her then-boyfriend Bill, she made a pair of argyle socks and complicated scarf which took ages to make. His mother shrunk the socks and he forgot the scarf at a college dance. She married him anyway!

In 1993 Peace Lutheran began having a "mitten tree" and Bunny contributed 53 pairs. Her mission continued and in 2020 she will reach her goal of 3,000 mittens. "My friends at Peace have a big role in my mitten projects. Countless women have given me their leftover yarn, yarn from their mothers, or just a little ball of yarn – enough for a stripe or two or a thumb. I give a special 'shout out' to Pam Johnson. Through the years she has been my 'outreach' hands and she gets the mittens where they are needed." For many years Pam would bring them to the Marie Sandvik Center in Minneapolis, but this year they went to Interfaith Outreach. Interfaith Outreach's Development Director, Lani Willis said, "We often talk here about 'just-in-time miracles.' These mittens were just-in-time miracles for the many hands and heads that will be warmed by their caring and craft!"

*"I do love knitting. You sit and think your own thoughts, and nothing hinders; you are infinitely lazy and yet you are accomplishing a good deal."*  
**Harriet Prescott Spofford, Harper's Bazaar, November 5, 1892**

Although she can knit a challenging Norwegian sweater, following charts and counting rows, mittens are more relaxing, and it is a rare day that she does not work on them. "This is Minnesota and there are a lot of kids (and grown ups) who need mittens. I can do this – I can do a little bit." Bunny is seeking the thriving of her neighbors by using her gifts of knitting. She is claimed by the love of God and called to make the world a better place for all. Knitting is part of Bunny's vocation.

To share a story about living out vocation for this new recurring article in the newsletter contact the office at [peace@peaceofplymouth.org](mailto:peace@peaceofplymouth.org)





# Vision Team

The Vision work continues! This effort kicked off alongside the Grace & Vocation series and will enable Peace to increase the focus on our theological claim and to get better results by doing what matters most. Peace is clarifying our identity, strengths, challenges, and opportunities for ministry. We are developing a 3-5 year vision and written strategic plan that guides the congregation toward living into our mission and values.

## Activity to date:

- Completed the Congregational Vitality Survey: Thank you for taking the time to share your voice and perspective! Your input is invaluable in shaping Peace's strategic plan. To ensure we received as much input as possible, the survey was extended through mid-December.
- Began connecting with local community leaders to listen and learn how the church might service and connect with its residents.

## What's Next:

- Present community demographic information to the congregation. A Defining Our Community session is scheduled for Sun, Jan 12, 10am.
- Share the consolidated view of our data gathered to date.
- Continue to assess the Peace's strengths through congregational interviews.

## Future Activities:

- Host a visioning retreat designed to clarify congregational priorities.
- Create a ministry plan or road map to guide the congregation's efforts for the next 3 years.
- Introduce the plan to the congregation and assist members with discerning how they might contribute to its fulfillment.

*Vision team members are*

*Val Sorenson, Inger Trooien, Janelle Leppa, Kate Tofteland, Jen Stoffel, and Pastor Kjell.*

## Peaceful Nights Programming Resumes!

From January 8 - February 19, here's what Wednesday nights will look like:

Winter 2020	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	Beginning Bells* (Bell Room)			Bible Study (Fireside Room)
7:45-8:45pm			Adult Choir (Sanctuary) Adult Bells (Bell Room)	Adult Choir (Sanctuary) Adult Bells (Bell Room)

*\*Beginning Bells is for anyone who wants to learn to play handbells.*

*Please talk to Nancy Peterson if you or your child aren't sure about participating!*

# Updates & Notices

## Adult Study: Family as Vocation

**Wednesdays Jan 8 - Feb 19, 6:15pm in Fireside Rm**

Real conversations about the messiness of family! Melissa Weinhandl, MA. MA. LAMFT will empower participants to use the lens of Family Systems Theory to look at their family's systems and patterns. The roles we play in our family are part of how we live out our faith and vocation. Looking at our family's patterns can make positive shifts in how we interact with the world and our faith.



## Retreat to Shalom Hills Farm

**Fri-Sun, Mar 20-22, \$120/person, all ages**

Shalom Hills retreat is located on a farm specializing in educating and advocating on behalf of small-town and rural culture, community, ministry and God's creation. Topics of this retreat will be centered on rural life, sustainability and creation care. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Melissa Weinhandl at [mlweinhandl@gmail.com](mailto:mlweinhandl@gmail.com). Register at [peaceofplymouth.org](http://peaceofplymouth.org)

## Operation Bootstrap Africa

Pastor Kjell has been elected to the Board of Directors for the long-time Peace partner ministry, Operation Bootstrap Africa (OBA). A large part of OBA's mission is partnering with Africans to provide access to education for girls in Tanzania.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Want an announcement into the weekly bulletin?  
Email [chris@peaceofplymouth.org](mailto:chris@peaceofplymouth.org) by Tuesday 5pm.

Want an announcement into the monthly newsletter?  
Email [chris@peaceofplymouth.org](mailto:chris@peaceofplymouth.org) by the 5th of the previous month.

The church office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 10:30am-5pm.  
Pastor Kjell can be reached Sunday-Thursday at [kjell@peaceofplymouth.org](mailto:kjell@peaceofplymouth.org) or 763-571-2919 or 24/7 in case of emergency.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have prayer requests you can send them to [prayer@peaceofplymouth.org](mailto:prayer@peaceofplymouth.org) and they will be added to the prayer chain email. If you would like to receive the prayer chain emails sign-up under "News & Events" at [peaceofplymouth.org](http://peaceofplymouth.org)

## Peace Lutheran Church Staff

Lead Pastor ..... Rev. Kjell Ferris  
Minister of Music ..... Stefanie Fiser Kleven  
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Office Manager ..... Chris Bacon



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## ACTIVITIES

**ROMEO BREAKFAST**  
Monday, January 6, 8am

**BREWING FAITH**  
Monday, January 13, 4:45 pm  
Rock Elm Tavern

**QUILTING**  
Thursday, January 9 & 23, 9am

**BUNDLES OF LOVE**  
Thursday, January 23, 3pm

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**  
Wednesday, January 15, 8am,  
Panera

**KNITTING & NEEDLEPOINT**  
Thursday, January 16, 7pm

**YOGADEVOTION**  
Mondays @ 5:30pm  
Saturdays @ 9:00am



# Epiphany 2020 Calendar

Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth  
Sunday and Wednesday Programming

Sundays		Wednesdays	
<b>January 5</b> <i>Jesus' Ministry Begun</i>	<b>9a Worship:</b> Mark 1: 21-45 & Remembrance of Baptism <b>10a</b> Music, Sunday School & Confirmation Communion Assistant Training	<b>Jan 8</b>	<b>5:30p</b> BYOD (Bring Your Own Dinner), Dessert and Drinks will be provided
<b>January 12</b> <i>Jesus Heals and Teaches</i>	<b>9a Worship:</b> Mark 2: 1-22 <b>10a</b> Music, Sunday School & Confirmation Second Sunday Treats Defining Our Community Forum	<b>Jan 15</b>	<b>6:00p</b> Children's Music and Confirmation Connect Unit 7  <b>6:15p</b> Adult Small Group Vocation: "How do we serve as a child of God in our own family systems?" - with Melissa Weinhandl
<b>January 19</b> <i>Parables in Mark</i>	<b>9a Worship:</b> Mark 4: 1-34 <b>10a</b> Music, Sunday School & Confirmation Budget Meeting	<b>Jan 22</b>	<b>6:30-7:30p</b> Children's Games
<b>January 26</b> <i>Jesus Heals the Gerasene Man</i>	<b>9a Worship:</b> Mark 5: 1-20 & Mission Trip Commissioning <b>10a</b> Music, Sunday School & Confirmation Annual Meeting	<b>Jan 29</b>	<b>7:00p</b> Beginning Handbells  <b>7:45p</b> Adult Bells and Adult Choir
<b>February 2</b> <i>Jairus' Daughter Healed</i>	<b>Worship:</b> Mark 5: 21-43 <b>10a</b> Music, Sunday School & Confirmation	<b>Feb 5</b>	<b>5:30p</b> Peaceful Nights Dinner  <b>6:00p</b> Children's Music and Confirmation Connect Unit 8
<b>February 9</b> <i>Death of John the Baptist</i>	<b>9a Worship:</b> Mark 6: 1-29 <b>10a</b> Music, Sunday School & Confirmation Second Sunday Treats Forum: Dominican Republic Mission Trip Photo Sharing and Stories	<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>6:15p</b> Adult Small Group Vocation: "How do we serve as a child of God in our own family systems?" - with Melissa Weinhandl
<b>February 16</b> <i>What hurts us?</i>	<b>9a Worship:</b> Mark 7: 1-23 <b>10a</b> Music, Sunday School & Confirmation New Member Class <b>11:15a</b> Bowling @ The Medina	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>6:30-7:30p</b> Children's Games  <b>7:00p</b> Beginning Handbells  <b>7:45p</b> Adult Bells and Adult Choir
<b>February 23</b> <i>Trans-figuration</i>	<b>Summer Camp Worship:</b> Mark 8: 27; 9:8 <b>10a</b> Spaghetti Dinner Silent Auction Summer Camp Info from Pastor Barrow (Interim Program Director at WAPO)	<b>Feb 26</b>	<b>5:30</b> Peaceful Nights Dinner <b>6:00</b> Children's Music <b>6:30</b> Ash Wednesday Worship <b>7:45</b> Adult Bells and Adult Choir
<b>Mark Your Calendar   Spaghetti Dinner   Sunday, February 24   5-7:30 pm</b>			
<b>Keep your eyes open for a Lent 2020 Calendar...coming soon!</b>			



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## Save the Date!

**Communion Server Training,**  
Sun, Jan 5, 10am, Sanctuary  
**Defining Our Community forum,**  
Sun, Jan 12, 10am, Fireside Room  
**2020 Budget Meeting,**  
Sun, Jan 19, 10am, Fireside Room  
**Annual Meeting,**  
Sun, Jan 26, 10am, Sanctuary  
**Dominican Republic**  
**Mission Trip Commissioning,**  
Sun, Jan 26, 9am  
**Spaghetti Dinner,**  
Sun, Feb 23, 5pm

## All Are Welcome Here

### *Invite Your Family & Friends*

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 & 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

9:00-10:00 am—Worship

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



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