



Peace Notes

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA

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AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Talking about race and racial equity

SMALL GROUPS

**ON SUNDAYS 10:00AM &
WEDNESDAYS 6:15PM**

MARCH 1 - APRIL 1

SIGNUPS WILL BEGIN FEB 16

Lent Small Groups & Preaching Series:
Peace will take a step toward being better neighbors around the topic of race. This is the beginning of a long journey for us as a congregation. As part of our vocation - seeking the thriving of our neighbor in the world we live - we will begin working for a healthier vision around race in our country, especially from the perspective of our faith. Lent will be an opportunity for us to reflect on how race has impacted our lives and to seek unity in the midst of diversity.

"And Who is My Neighbor? Talking about Race and Racial Equity" is a small group study created by Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota with writing from Rev. Dr. Eric Barreto, Princeton Seminary.

**We begin Lent together at the Ash Wednesday
Worship Service, Wednesday, Feb 26, 6:30pm.**



Lent 2020



Spaghetti Dinner, Sun, Feb 23, 5:00pm

Dinner

As we gear up for this coming summer, we are looking forward to our spaghetti dinner fundraiser! Join us for this fun tradition at Peace and help us to raise funds for our summer ministries!



When? Sunday, February 23, 5:00pm

Where? Peace Lutheran Church

How much? Free will offering

What to expect?

- Homemade meal of spaghetti, meatballs, and sides (with vegetarian and gluten free options available!)
- Silent auction
- Games, fun, and fellowship
- Information and registrations for all summer programming, including DAY CAMP!

Silent Auction

Donate to the silent auction! Donations can be handcrafted items, desserts, baskets, events, services . . . anything creative!

What are we raising funds for?

We have a goal of raising \$3,500 to fund programming costs and scholarships for our summer ministries.

- **Day Camp,**
Registration opens Feb 23
Jun 15 to Jun 18, 9am - 3pm
- **Camp Wapo Seeds (completed 2nd & 3rd grade),**
Registration open now
Jul 17 to Jul 19
- **Camp Wapo Youth Camp (completed 4th through 8th grade),**
Registration open now
Jul 12 to Jul 17
- **High School Mission trip, mid-August**

Camp Sunday

During worship on Sunday, February 23, we will welcome Rev. Jeff Barrow, Interim Program Director at Camp Wapo, as a guest preacher. He will hang out after church to answer questions about Camp Wapo. We will also be using a liturgy written by the confirmation students!



VISION Team

The VISION Team continues the effort of creating a 3-5 year vision and a written strategic plan for Peace Lutheran Church. This is a process of gathering information and clarifying our identity, strengths, challenges and opportunities for ministry.

The first data gathering activity was distributing the Congregational Vitality Survey to get input on the state of the congregation. Please join us during worship on **Sunday, February 16** to review the results of this survey. We've invited Jim LaDoux, a consultant with Vibrant Faith Ministries, to help review and interpret the data. Immediately following worship, we will offer an opportunity to discuss the results and ask questions or provide further input about the information presented.

Other details about visioning work completed and future activities include:

Activity to date

- Connecting with local community leaders to listen and learn how the church might service and connect with its residents.
- VISION Team has begun reviewing Vitality Survey results.
- Reviewed community demographic information in the Defining Our Community session.

Future Activities

- Continue to assess the congregation's uniqueness and strengths through interviews and observations of its norms.
- 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.

Don't Get Scammed

Criminals use clever schemes to defraud millions of people every year. They often combine sophisticated technology with age-old tricks to get people to send money or give out personal information. They add new twists to old scams and pressure people, oftentimes seniors, to make decisions on the spot.

Common scams:

1. **Gift Cards:** Beware of anyone who is demanding payment through the use of gift cards. This is not the normal way to make a business transaction, yet millions of dollars are lost to scammers posing as a government agency, utility company or a representative of a business.
2. **Grandparent:** Someone claiming to be a family member stranded far from home. They say they are being held in jail, need car repairs, or other assistance.
3. **Medicare or Bank:** The caller works to get seniors to give them their personal information such as social security information, credit card or bank account numbers.
4. **Bereavement:** Criminals read obituaries, then call the widow or widower. They claim that the deceased had outstanding debts that need to be paid off immediately.
5. **Sweepstakes and Lottery:** Typically the victim receives a letter in the mail stating they have won or inherited a large amount of money. The letter instructs the victim to send funds to cover taxes or administration fees and the victim never receives their prize.
6. **Charity:** Money is solicited for phony charities, often after natural disasters.

Don't be a victim. If you suspect that you are trying to be scammed online, delete the message. If you are on the phone, hang up. And, if you ever become a victim of a scam, report it to the police.



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Save the Date!

Congregational Vitality Report

Sun, Feb 16, 9 & 10am

New Member Class

Sun, Feb 16, 10am

Spaghetti Dinner

Sun, Feb 23, 5:00pm

Ash Wednesday

Wed, Feb 26

Peaceful Nights Dinner, 5:30pm

Worship, 6:30pm

All Are Welcome Here

Invite Your Family & Friends



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Youth camp (completed 4th - 8th grade)

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SUNDAY MORNING

9:00-10:00 am—Worship

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



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