

## June 2021 NEWSLETTER



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# General Announcements

The Difficult Conversations group will meet next on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am, prior to the worship service. Please join us as we discuss the questions, "How should Christians vote? "What is the right way to think about various ethical issues?" Spoiler: Pastor Ian will not be telling anyone who or what to vote for, but rather the group will dive deep into Lutheran thought on the issue. Come ready to discuss, learn, question and grow. Questions? See Pastor Ian.

The next Highway Litter Pickup is scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> after church. We will start about 10:30, carpooling/caravanning to our section by the fairgrounds. Plan for about an hour to an hour-and-a-half. Questions, contact Kent at 509-288-1431 (cell/text).

Sunday July 4 we will begin with our change of service worship time (as we rotate with Trinity). We will be worshipping at 11:00 AM for the remainder of the year.

Sunday July 11 we will hold a Parking lot Potluck following the 11:00 AM worship service. Details to come!

Peace Lutheran Community Garden has beds to rent! Are you interested in gardening this year? Know someone in the community who would be interested in gardening? Cost is \$30-\$40 per bed, but sponsorships available if needed. Contact the church at 509-397-2121 / [peacelutherancolfax@gmail.com](mailto:peacelutherancolfax@gmail.com) or Kent or Diane Miller at [dkmiller1992@outlook.com](mailto:dkmiller1992@outlook.com).

## **Remember in your Prayers**


Milt Klettke, Queenie Leinweber, Lyndell Repp, Katie Schmick, Tim Silvernale, Jim, Repp, Ed Collison and Mike Hanson. We also lift up the family of Robin Jones.

# Sunday Attendance

Week 1 May 2	Week 2 May 9	Week 3 May 16	Week 4 May 23	Week 5 May 30
14	13	12	19	14



## Summer Camps

		Grades 1-2	Grades 3-4	Grades 4-6 <i>Camp Lutherhaven Villages</i>	Grades 5-6	Grades 7-8	Grades 9-12	NEW! SALT Grades 10-12 Service + Adventure + Leadership Team <i>Grades 7th-9th</i>	Grades 5-10 <i>Shoshone Creek Ranch</i>	Weekend camps
June 20-25	Camp Lutherhaven		EXODUS	TREEHOUSE + CASTAWAY	PIONEER + Champ Camp ages 8-21	PATHFINDER + Champ Camp ages 8-21	Champ Camp ages 8-21	SALT		
	Shoshone Mtn Retreat							SALT	RANCH CAMP Girls	
June 27-July 2	Camp Lutherhaven Short Week 6/27-30	GENESIS 6/27-29	EXODUS 6/27-30	TREEHOUSE + CASTAWAY 6/27-30	PIONEER 6/27-30	PATHFINDER 6/27-30		SALT Full Week 6/27-7/2		4th of July Family Camp July 1-5
	Shoshone Mtn Retreat Full Week 6/27-7/2							SALT 6/27-7/2	RANCH CAMP Girls 6/27-7/2	
July 4-9	Camp Lutherhaven Short Week 7/6-9	GENESIS 7/7-9	EXODUS 7/6-9	TREEHOUSE + CASTAWAY 7/6-9	PIONEER 7/6-9	PATHFINDER 7/6-9		SALT Full Week 7/4-9		
	Shoshone Mtn Retreat Full Week 7/4-9							SALT 7/4-9	RANCH CAMP Girls 7/4-9	
July 11-16	Camp Lutherhaven	OSLC CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY CAMP (Interested in booking future family camps for your congregation? Contact us!)						SALT		
	Shoshone Mtn Retreat		EXODUS		PIONEER	PATHFINDER Grades 7-9		SALT	RANCH CAMP Girls	
July 18-23	Camp Lutherhaven		EXODUS	TREEHOUSE + CASTAWAY	PIONEER	PATHFINDER	ADVENTURERS	SALT		
	Shoshone Mtn Retreat							SALT	RANCH CAMP Girls	Women's Retreat July 23-25
July 25-30	Camp Lutherhaven	GENESIS 7/25-27 GENESIS 7/28-30	EXODUS	TREEHOUSE + CASTAWAY	PIONEER	PATHFINDER	ADVENTURERS	SALT		Kindercamp July 30-Aug 1
	Shoshone Mtn Retreat							SALT	RANCH CAMP Girls	
Aug 1-6	Camp Lutherhaven	GENESIS 8/1-3 GENESIS 8/4-6	EXODUS	TREEHOUSE + CASTAWAY	PIONEER	PATHFINDER	ADVENTURERS	SALT		Family Champ Camp August 6-8
	Shoshone Mtn Retreat					EXPLORERS 7th-9th		SALT	RANCH CAMP Boys & Girls	
Aug 8-13	Camp Lutherhaven	GENESIS 8/8-10 GENESIS 8/11-13	EXODUS	TREEHOUSE + CASTAWAY	PIONEER	PATHFINDER		SALT		
	Shoshone Mtn Retreat				EXPLORERS 5th-7th			SALT	RANCH CAMP Boys & Girls	Family Ranch Camp August 13-15
Aug 15-18	Camp Lutherhaven	NEW DATE! CHAMP CAMP ages 8-25+						SALT		

Family Camping is available mid-week and most weekends at Camp Lutherhaven, Shoshone Mountain Retreat, and McPherson Meadows!  
Visit [www.lutherhaven.com](http://www.lutherhaven.com) for information.

# Pastor's Message

## The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Many of you may remember Luther's explanation of the eighth commandment from your Confirmation days. Maybe you even keep a copy of the Small Catechism on the bookshelf and pull it out every once in a while. Either way, this is one of my favorite portions of Luther's writing and it is also, by far, one of the most difficult to truly follow. Not telling lies about our neighbors? Seems easy enough. Don't make stuff up about them? Also easy. Hurt their reputation? OK, I won't do that. But then the flipside comes. Not only should I not lie about my neighbors, I should defend them? That's harder. Speaking well of them? Sometimes harder and sometimes easier, I'll admit. But the one that always gets me, not only should I be nice to my neighbors and defend them from people who may wish them harm, but I should interpret everything that they do in the kindest way possible.

Especially in a divided world, that seems like an almost insurmountable task. It is so easy to simply assume that the actions or words of another are meant to wish us harm. It is so easy for our first thoughts to be against the neighbor and not interpreted in the best light.

At no place, that I can think of, is this more clear in our world today than with politics. Republicans seem to think Democrats have it out for them. Democrats seem to think that Republicans are ruining the country. But what would it mean to interpret the actions of the other in the best possible light?

What would it mean to assume, that until proven otherwise, our neighbors really do have our best interests at heart? This is not meant to give everyone a free pass, but rather it seems Luther suggests it is important to not make people into enemies because of what we *think* they might mean by their words or actions. Even then, we know what Jesus says about our enemies (Matthew 5:44). In other words, what does it mean to work together for the common good?

If you were looking for answers to these questions, I don't have them! What I do have is an invitation! This summer, Peace will be hosting some space for difficult conversations to take place. On the second Sunday of each month we will meet for guided discussion on these topics. On June 13th we will meet at 8AM at Peace (early, I know, but well worth it!) On July 11th and August 8th, due to the worship service time switch, we will meet directly after Peace's 11AM worship service. These discussions will last no longer than 45 minutes.

Just as a small taste, the first class in June will cover the topic, "Who should Christians vote for?" There will be a short presentation, a video and then a short time for discussion. Hint: I am not going to tell you how to vote and no one else will either. Please come ready to question, learn, discuss and grow. Please also make sure Luther's explanation is (at least metaphorically) in your back pocket. These conversations are challenging, but I think they are a part of who God calls us to be in the world and I am excited to have the opportunity to discuss things with you!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to spending this time with you!

Peace,  
Pastor Ian

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## June 2021

Worship will be at 9:00AM during the month of June

### Happy Birthday!

Gail Webster 6/18

Mason McNeilly 6/27

Bob Bafus 6/20

Joann Wood 6/27

Shirley Cornelius 6/20

Liane Smith 6/28

Ali Shirley 6/20

### Happy Anniversary!

4th - Tom & Robin Cocking (1978)

6th - Pastor Ian & Corrin McMichael (2015)

15th - Brian & Shirley Cornelius (1991)

16th - Jon & Peggy Kehne (1973)

19th - Steve & Julie Teade (1982)

25th - Scott & Shauna Phillips (2011)

Peace Lutheran Church  
Annual Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2021

The annual congregational meeting was held immediately following the 9:00am service.

President Kent Miller opened the meeting and Pastor Ian McMichael led in prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Kent directed the congregation members to review the published minutes on pages 15-17 of the annual report booklet. Marvin Wigen moved to approve the minutes as printed and Steve Teade seconded; motion passed.

Council Nominations

Kent reviewed the nominees and open positions for church council as follows:

President Nominee- Georgie Leinweber

Vice President Nominee- Gail Webster

Stewardship Nominee- Mary Cocking

Property Nominee- Marv Wigen

Education- OPEN

The following council members will remain in their same positions:

Pastor Ian McMichael

Secretary Kristi Nelson

Treasurer Peter and Brandy Wigen

Fellowship Kathy Carr

Worship Catherine Olson

Youth Rex Rutledge

Member at Large (Past President) Kent Miller

Kent called for nominations to be voted on in one ballot. Following the counting of ballots by Pete Wigen and Kent, it was announced members voted unanimously in favor of the nominees.

Kent thanked our newest council members for their willingness to serve in these new roles.

### Updates

Pastor Ian offered the following updates:

- 1- The entry and gathering area of the church is currently being freshened up. The council has allotted funds for this purpose and a committee of volunteers are compiling ideas for the space including painting 2 walls, purchasing new furniture and updating the wall space with welcoming signs.
- 2- Discussions are underway for hiring a Faith Formation Director who will serve in the area of education and leadership for all ages. This position is funded by the capitol campaign. A committee has been formed and will begin reviewing the job description with the council, with advertising the position as the next step.



### Final Vote on Constitution

Kent directed the congregation to review the ratified constitution as it was previously adopted for a final vote. Georgie Leinweber moved to accept and adopt the constitution as written and Catherine Olson seconded; motion passed.

### Open Floor and Closing of the Meeting

Kent opened the floor for general business; no new business was mentioned.

Kent adjourned the meeting and closed with everyone joining him in The Lords Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Nelson, council secretary