

Peace Lutheran Church

May 2021 NEWSLETTER

Where Everybody is Somebody Because Jesus Christ is Lord!



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General Announcements

Church Council elections will be held May 23rd at the Annual Meeting and we still have seats to fill! **Property, Education and Stewardship** are open and all play an important role in our church. If you are not sure what serving on council entails, please speak with Pastor Ian! Please give prayerful consideration as to how you can serve in a meaningful way and let your voice do His work!

Mark your calendar! The **Annual Meeting** is set to be held Sunday, May 23rd at 10:00am, following the 9:00am worship service. We will have elections for new council members at this time as well as a final vote on our new constitution.

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 / peacelutheranconfax@gmail.com or Kent or Diane Miller at dkmiller1992@outlook.com.

We are looking for assistance with the next **Family Promise Meal, May 27th**. If you are interested in preparing or purchasing an item towards this meal, please contact Mary Cocking for more info.

Remember in your Prayers

Robin Jones, Dorothy Feldman, Milt Klettke, Queenie Leinweber, Lyndell Repp, Katie Schmick, Tim Silvernale, Jim, Deb and Pam Repp, Mike Hanson, and Cozy Lueck.

Sunday Attendance

Week 1 April 4	Week 2 April 11	Week 3 April 18	Week 4 April 25	
38	9	20	16	

Budget Updates

	Last Month	This Month	2021 YTD
Regular Offerings	\$9,775	\$11,176	\$37,236
Designated Offerings	\$ 50	\$ 170	\$ 220
Budgeted Expenditures	\$6,959	\$10,449	\$39,578
Non-Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 101	\$ 968	\$ 1,523

Pastor's Message

Mark 1:35-39

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I am writing this newsletter article early, so that when you read this I will be soaking up the sun and visiting the in-laws in Florida. It will be the first true vacation in over a year and, as I write this, I am already looking forward to taking Hans and Wren to the aquarium and the zoo. Their grandparents have big plans for those two!

With this in mind, I find it interesting what Jesus decides to do in Mark 1. The first thing he does in the morning is get up and go to a deserted place. A mini-vacation of sorts. He goes away from people. He needs some quiet time. There is a need to recharge. After all, he has had a lot to do in one short chapter of Mark. He has been baptized, tempted, called his disciples, done some healing and cast out unclean spirits. He then takes this time in the deserted place, before he sets off again and cleanses a leper. Jesus had a *very* busy schedule.

I have always loved this quote by Martin Luther. He says, "I have so much to do today that I'm going to need to spend three hours in prayer in order to be able to get it all done." He may very well have taken this saying from Mark 1. When there is a lot to do, we turn to God. In many ways, I think we find God in our ability and willingness to care for ourselves. We care for ourselves so that we may more effectively care for others. How many of us spend our days helping others? Caring for the needs of family or friends? Bussing kids around so that they get where they need to go on time or making sure that the house is ready for another day. I know my days now involve a whole lot more laundry than they once did.

And the advice that Jesus gives us today through his actions? The advice that is echoed by Martin Luther 1500 years later? Before you put your oxygen mask on others, make sure that you put it on yourself. As contrary as that sounds every time I hear it on an airplane, it is really the only way that this works. It is impossible to give what you don't have. It is impossible to care for people in need when we are not fully present and taking care of ourselves.

So Jesus recommends prayer as a connection to God. That is good. I can also think of a couple other ways to connect with God. Perhaps it is not necessarily a traditional prayer, but rather a way of speaking to God through our actions. If you have vacation time, take it, even if it is just to

read books at the library. Wake up 10 minutes early so that you can drink your coffee in silence before the day starts. Make devotions a part of your routine each day. Intentionally connect with people you haven't seen in awhile. Know that "no" is a completely acceptable answer if you just can't do it, or even sometimes if you don't want to. Take care of yourself *so that* others may be served.

Most of all, know that this time will not carve itself out. In many ways you need to make it happen. When you do carve it out, know that this time is a blessing that not everyone can afford. Know that this time or this vacation or this prayer is a time not all people have access to.

Approaching self-care with gratefulness will start us out on the right foot.

Most of the time we talk about how much Jesus did in his life on earth. He was a *doing* Son of God. But Mark 1 teaches us that Jesus also simply knew how to *be*. How to be alone, how to connect with God, how to spread the word, how to care for himself so that he was better able to care for others. When we have the chance to do the same, I encourage you to take it. While I recommend Florida as a vacation spot, self-care can just as easily be done right here where you are now. What a blessing.

Peace,
Pastor Ian

Church Members! We still have positions to fill on Council!
Elections will be held during the May 23rd Annual Meeting.
Please contact Pastor Ian if you are called to serve in this way.



Have you dreamed of making history? Of course, we all have. And now we have a chance to be a part of Idaho state's day of giving - an opportunity to unite our community around causes in which we truly believe and help nonprofit organizations connect to the larger community. We need your help! Please join our campaign and help us reach our goal of \$20,000! We need you to tell your friends and family members about the important work we do and ask them to join us in helping to make a difference. Get ready to give! On April 29 - May 6, starting at 12 AM on April 29, visit idahogives.org and make a donation to Family Promise Idaho Gives/FPP and/or to any of the great participating nonprofit organizations in Idaho state. All giving will end at 11:59 PM on May 6, so make sure to get your gift in on time!

Questions? If you have any questions or would like more information, let us know. Call us at 208-882-0165 or email us at info@familypromisepalouse.org. Thank you in advance for your generosity to our organization! We couldn't do it without you.

Do you make an AMAZING **Spaghetti Sauce**? If you do, we want your recipe to share as part of Peace's contribution to the Comfort Food Cook Off event! The **Comfort Food from Your Car** Event will be a drive-thru version of the cook-off. We will set up prepackaged spaghetti dinners that can be pre-ordered through our website (TBA). The drive-thru will take place at the FPP Day Center where families and individuals will be able to come and take dinner for a small price home on Friday, May 21st between 5 and 7. We will appreciate any support and help from our volunteers for this event.

Please contact Mary Cocking with any questions you might have!

May 2021

SUN 25	MON 26	TUE 27	WED 28	THU 29	FRI 30	SAT May 1
9:00 Worship	Pastor on Vacation					
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Pastor on Vacation						
9:00 Worship						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:00 Worship						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:00 Worship	● 7pm Beta Group					Wedding
Confirmation						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:00 Worship				Family Promise Meal		
30	31	Jun 1	2	3	4	5
9:00 Worship						

Happy Birthday!

5/2 Steve Teade

5/17 Vic Roberts

5/2 Jill Welchel

5/24 Milt Klettke

5/5 Jean Gresham

5/25 James Young

5/13 Alice Barlass

5/26 Sten Larkin

5/17 Karly Wigen

5/29 Peggy Kehne

5/18 Liam Nelson

5/21 Timothy Cornelius

