



Words of Peace

Peace Presbyterian Church - Elkhorn, Nebraska

October 2020



FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN...

It's fall for sure this week! Whether it has felt like a long time coming since the virus outbreak began in March or you are wondering what happened to the last six months, fall is a chance to enjoy a new season in our lives. The Bible says, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens" (Eccl. 3:1) Fall is the season for things to begin back up like Sunday School, committee and Session planning, confirmation and youth group. Yet, things have either been delayed or are looking very different this year because of the realities we find in our lives a part of this fall.

Youth Group is meeting in person (with masks and socially distancing). They are busy planning and preparing to lead Drive-In worship on October 18th. Thanks to Jane King, Mary and Brian Vance, and Scot Thompson for being there for our Youth. Confirmation has also started back up after a summer break and I am leading this group by Zoom.

We had a mission project, Linus blanket making in the parking lot a couple weeks ago and our first fellowship event, a Drive-In Movie Night. The kids had as much fun playing with their glow sticks when it got really dark, as they did watching the movie with one another. We even had a neighborhood family walking by stop and watch the movie for a while with us. This past Sunday our Children's Sunday School started up again. Our Pre-K through 5th Grade kids are meeting together by Zoom (online), not in person yet. It was so great to see how much everyone has grown and it just felt so good to "be together" as we listened to our Bible story and talked about its meaning in our lives. This week, the kids "acted" out the expressions the disciples might have shown on their faces as Jesus stilled the storm. The kids loved drawing pictures of the story as I read it and sharing their art with each other.

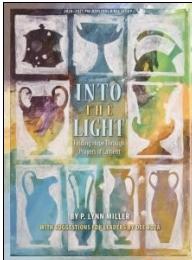
I have never taught children online like this so it is a learning curve for me but a lot of fun for sure. I sure would love for other adults or youth to be a part of this journey with the kids and I. Pajama Sunday School meets every Sunday by Zoom from 9:00-9:30am. We read a bible story, talk, do a craft or draw, and pray together. We hope to add music as well.

I would love for more adults or youth to be involved with this class with me on one or more Sundays a month. Maybe this is a new season in your life when you can be part of our children's lives in a new way, helping to nurture their faith. Call and talk with me about it or join us on Zoom one Sunday as a visitor to the class and experience the blessing of it for yourself. In Matthew 19:14, Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Don't miss out on the changes that happen every fall out there in nature and here at Peace Church. God wants you to enjoy the blessings of both.

Peace,
Pastor Bonnie





The 2020–2021 PW/Horizons Bible study *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*

Thursdays, 9:30am, at Peace, under the trees.

This nine lesson study by Lynn Miller revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. Come join 15 others who are growing as they study and fellowship together. See Pastor Bonnie, JoAn Ferguson or Carol Huffman for more information or to purchase a study book.

YOUTH GROUP TENTATIVE FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE

- 10.4 Plan and practice 10.11.20 worship service
- 10.11 Lead 10:15am Worship service (arrive at 9:15am)
- 10.18 Outdoor movie night & fire pit s'mores
- 10.25 Hike/ropes course
- 11.1 Plarn / bracelets for Haiti
- 11.8 Plarn / bracelets for Haiti
- 11.15 Dog toy assembly
- 11.22 Humane Society volunteering
- 11.29 Happy Thanksgiving/No Youth Group

Unless otherwise noted, all youth events will be held from 4:00-6:00pm outside the church building. Depending on our activity, we will space beach towels or lawn chairs at least 6 feet apart and we will wear masks. If we are moving around, we remind everyone to keep a physical distance of 6 feet at all times. Email Jane King with questions at janekeing94@yahoo.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN AGAIN COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THOSE IN NEED

The PW will again this year donate personal care items to those in need in our community. Would you partner with them by donating body wash/soap, shampoo, and deodorant? Full size items are preferred, but travel sizes are welcome. Once we are able to return to worship in the sanctuary a collection box will be available for your donation. Contact Liz Baker, PW Mission Chair, with questions.



UPDATE ON THE PEACE COVID-19 RESPONSE and REOPENING

By Session decision, Peace continues to hold On-Line Worship the first Sunday of each month and Drive-In Worship in the parking lot all other Sundays.

The Reopening Task Team continues to meet to plan for the safe reopening of the church. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Bonnie or any elder.

Please reach out if you have needs or questions:

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Peace Mission Committee Expands “Undie Sunday”

Every Sunday in October the Mission Committee will collect adult size socks and underwear as well as cold weather hats, gloves and scarves. You are invited to leave items in the barrel in the parking lot when you come to Drive-In Services.

All donations will be given to local missions to provide support for those in need this winter. See Dave Fulton, Mission Chair, for more information. Thanks in advance for your donation!

BEST WISHES ON YOUR SPECIAL OCTOBER DAY!

BIRTHDAYS: 1 Donna Nelson; 3 Ava Klug; 4 Grant Fritsch, Natalie Olsufka; 6 Haley Hurt; 9 Melissa Bartunek; 12 Colton Sake, Bonnie Wilkins; 13 Mike Molnar; 14 Penny Dumke, Jersey Whisinnand; 15 Madeline Moats; 16 KJ Bunnell; 21 Alan Stephens; 22 Lincoln Nodgaard; 23 Justin Grages; 25 Michael Young; 26 Adam Vance; 30 Sydney Bowcott; 31 Morgan Anderson

ANNIVERSARIES: 10 Kirk & Patricia Sake; 15 Don & Terrie Dunavant; 25 Charles & Melissa Bartunek; 27 Mike & Emily Molnar

CREATING A CULTURE

of Generosity

The 2021 Peace Stewardship Campaign starts this month!

You will be receiving four letters throughout October from members of the church family who will share their thoughts on being part of Peace Church and their hopes for the future. In early November you will receive an invitation to make a pledge for 2021 of your finances as well as your time and your talents. We will gather to receive and dedicate our pledges on Sunday November 22.

Financially, a pledge is not a contract but is simply a gauge for the church to use as we plan for the coming year. It can also be a tool for you to use to help plan your finances for 2021.

Regarding service and ministry, the Time and Talent review sheet is used in much the same way as we plan the scope of ministry of the church for next year.

Situations in our finances and abilities change, and your pledge now in no way constrains you to support Peace at that level of contribution should changes happen. In this time of uncertainty, we hope that will be an encouragement to you. As God directs our days, God also provides the funds, time and skills to support the many ways we are called to serve God and the church.

Please carefully read the stewardship items you receive, pray about God's direction, then act as God leads you.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21



Dear Pastor Bonnie & Our Peace Friends,

Thank you so much for being here for our family, in so many thoughtful ways. Your lovely cards, calls, and especially your prayers, have upheld us during Jan's mother's struggle in the hospital and in her passing. Sister Patty has shown some improvement, but still isn't out of the woods yet, so thank you for holding her in your prayers. And what a lovely surprise to be the recipients of a comforting Peaceful Quilters treasure - the beautiful quilt is truly a work of art and will always be special to us! God bless you all.

- The Fuller Family

Special thanks to the lawn mowing crews and landscaping care-takers for another year. Your efforts keep the property looking great and well-maintained. Thanks again for another year of service.

Landscapers - Sharon Bossman (landscaping around the church sign along 204th St.), Maia McArdle (landscaping around the church sign at the main entrance), Bill Dermeyer (landscaping around the fellowship hall entryway and numerous other areas), and Liz Baker (landscaping around the main entrance, pastor's office, and numerous other areas)

Mowing Crews - Steve Brosz, Gary Scholl, Tom Wagner, Dave Fulton, Julie Tartaglia, Dick Todd, Tom Sladek, Jim Koel, Jim Osterchill, and Larry Woolery

- Bernie Baker and Michael Young, Building and Grounds

Thank you to Pastor Bonnie, Scott Thompson and all those in the church that have provided music for our services. You have gone above and beyond to ensure we hear the word of God in this trying time. I appreciate your extra effort. I would also like to thank those behind the scene that do all of the work we don't realize is being done. Thank you, thank you, thank you. - Nancy Haack

We are so grateful to all of our Parking Lot and Offering Attendants including Steve Brosz, Larry Woolery, Matt Marshall, Ken Bunnell, Michael Young, Tom Wagner, Steve Leonard, Gary Scholl, Liz Baker, Bernie Baker and JoAn Ferguson. You have been so faithful over the last few months and helped the services run very smoothly.

Our sincere thanks to the Anonymous Donors who covered the cost of our new office computers and security update. We are so blessed to have these silent partners who support the work of God by backing our office and financial department. May God bless you richly for your generosity!

LINUS BLANKET MISSION EVENT A HIT!

The Linus Blanket Project was founded in 2003. Their Mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer “blanketeers”. Peace has been involved in this project for many years. On September 13 twenty-five blankets were created for the project by 28 Peace members and friends.



Good morning. My name is Darla Majewski and I am a member of Project Linus. I picked up your blankets from Country Sampler. Thank you for your donations. It is nice to pick up so many well made blankets. They will help come December when we receive so many requests especially since we cannot have our annual Make-A-Blanket in November this year. Thank you again. — Darla Majewski

The Work of God Goes On



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