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News from Peace!

August 2020

Giving Thanks...

6 *Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.* Philippians 4:6

Everything is changing so quickly. I hesitate to write plans in this newsletter, for I fear that by the time it is mailed in just a few short days, things will be different. We are in the midst of hearing plans for schools reopening and what this fall will bring. We are in the midst of asking hard questions and playing through the "what -ifs" in our minds as to when we might open our building again. We are in the midst of being torn between thinking this is all too much and everything should go back to "normal" and knowing deep down that we are still in the midst of a pandemic (not to mention everything else that is going on in our world). It's all a lot. We continue to live into a "new" reality. All this can cause anxiety and worry, especially when we let our minds run wild.

But Jesus says to us today, "Do not worry about anything, but give thanks...and pray, and let your requests be known to God". And so today, I keep Jesus' promise in mind that he's got us. He's got us wrapped up in his lovingly arms and holds us close so that we always know that we are never alone. And I take a deep breath and am reminded of Christ's Peace that he offers us (especially during hard times) and then I give thanks. I give thanks for so many things. I give thanks for our dedicated staff and council - the leaders of this church. I give thanks for the passion and commitment of the task force that is going to help us open safely when it is time. I give thanks for nice weather that we have had when we gather together outside. I give thanks for creativity and experiencing Christ's love in new and creative ways. I give thanks for YOU. Your generosity, community and faithfulness has given me hope and peace in a time when it seems the world around me is chaos. I am proud to be your pastor, I am proud to be a part of the family of Peace. Today I give thanks.

Peace!
Pastor Melissa

August Worship Series

Generosity Throughout the Generations...

Join us for the month of August as we take a look at what Generosity looks like through the eyes of different generations. Each week during worship, we will engage members of Peace of all different generations as they share how they see God's generosity in their lives and how they live out that same generosity in their own lives.

Worship with us online at www.youtube.com/peacelutherandresser on Sunday mornings beginning at 8am.

Intern Program

After a 7 year “pause” from having interns, we are excited to be partnering with Luther Seminary once again to host an intern at Peace Lutheran for the 2020-2021 year. All seminary students who are seeking their Masters of Divinity Degree and ordained ministry are required to be an intern in order to help them understand pastoral ministry in a real and tangible way. We are excited to welcome Benjamin Nelson as our intern this year and asked him to share a little bit about himself with us:

“Hi everyone! I’m looking forward to our next year of life together at Peace, and wanted to share a little bit about myself so we’re not complete strangers on day one!”

Before starting seminary I was completing my undergrad at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where I also ran cross country and track. I spent a couple of my college summers working at Lutherdale Bible Camp in Elkorn, Wisconsin which started me down my path in ministry. It’s also where I met my wife, Megan. We now live in St. Paul with our cat and dog.

In my free time I like hiking, kayaking, and exploring area restaurants and breweries with friends. I’m also a big Packer, Brewers, and Bucks fan, and one of my guilty pleasures is the The Bachelor/Bachelorette.

In whatever capacity we’re gathered together over the next few months, I’m excited to grow and learn in community with you. Hope to see and meet you all soon!”

Looking forward to this renewed adventure for Peace. Ben will begin his internship year with us on Sept.1, 2020.

Internship committee

The following members of Peace have committed to walk alongside of our Intern for one year, helping him grow into his calling as a Pastor. Please continually pray for this committee and our intern:

Lynn Lindholm
Anne Miller Solsrud
Bjorn Neumann
Lisa Schiebel
Andy Willeman

Youth (7th-12th grades)

Summer Ministry bags have been or will be delivered to your house soon! Peace Lutheran loves our youth and we hope that you are all having a great and safe summer!



**Outdoor Worship Service 6:00 pm and Hotdog Meal 6:30 pm
Wednesday, August 12th at Peace
(Rain Date - Thursday, August 13th)**

Join us for an abbreviated outdoor service (prayers, devotion, communion, blessing) and then stay for the meal.

Menu: Grilled Hot dogs, Beans, Chips & Applesauce

Cupcakes & Ice Cream will be served in honor of Joel Berg's birthday (Aug. 1st).

This meal will be packaged in a "To Go Container" and you may eat it outside at Peace or take it home with you.

**Outdoor Worship Service also on Sunday, August 30th!
9:30 am on the front lawn of Peace.
Bring a lawn chair if you are able.**



Crossword and Word Find Challenge

On the following two pages are a Crossword Puzzle (adults) and a Word Find (kids). Watch our Sunday services each week to get the clues for each of these games.

For the Crossword Puzzle-hints/phrases will be given for the words to fill in the spaces up & down. For the Word Find-the words will be highlighted for each Sunday.

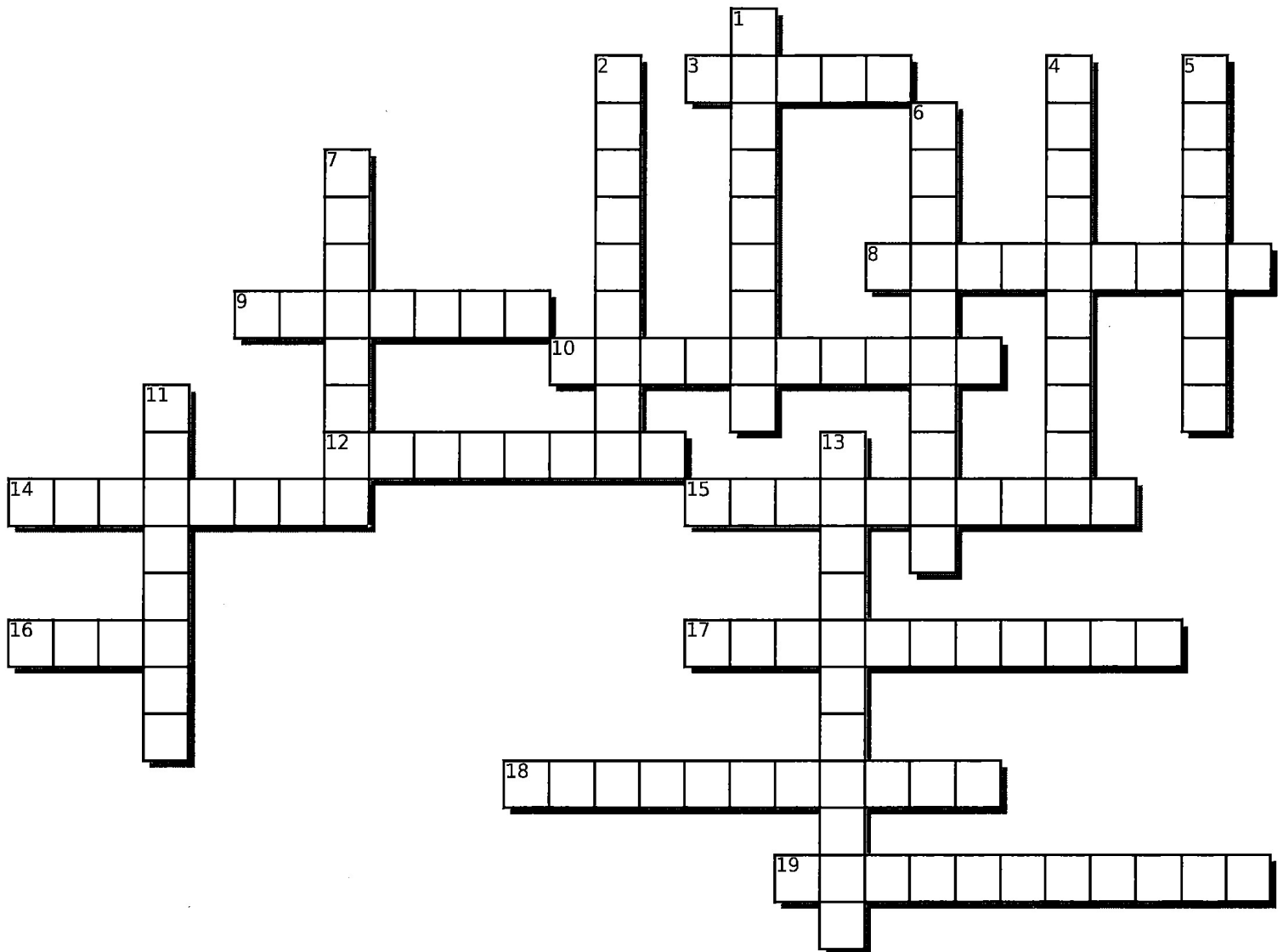
Remember that you can always go back and watch a video to hear the message and find clues!

These games accompany the worship series, *Generosity Through the Generations*, which will be using from Aug. 2-Sept. 6. At the end of the six weeks, when you have completed the challenges, send us a picture (text to: 715-557-0737 or email: plcdresseroffice@gmail.com) or your completed form and you will be entered for a drawing*.

*Two \$50 gift cards for the Crossword Puzzle and two \$25 gift cards for the Word Find!!

Generosity Through the Generations

Crossword Puzzle



Crossword Puzzle Challenge

Beginning August 2nd, watch our online Worship Service on YouTube. Hints will be given for the appropriate Up or Down words.

Aug. 2nd 12 Across, 15 Across, 5 Down, 9 Across

Aug. 9th 6 Down, 7 Down, 4 Down

Aug. 16th 8 Across, 10 Across, 14 Across

Aug. 23rd 19 Across, 16 Across, 3 Across

Aug. 30th 13 Down, 2 Down, 1 Down

Sept. 6th 18 Across, 17 Across, 11 Down

Aug. 2nd

Aug. 9th

Aug. 16th

Aug. 23rd

Aug. 30th

Sept. 6th

Kid's Word Search
 Each Sunday watch the Peace YouTube service to see the words for that Sunday! Find them in the Word Search and write them on the lines for that date.

J C H K F X G V L Y S B W A I H Y J E Q
 S R E V E I L E B S P Y I C J O R H T E
 I H K K S G E N E R A T I O N L Q T A G
 G Y C S B H F N L D U S D U L Y P I R W
 M D O R E I E P U T S A M E N S K A B B
 S R R A U V V C R E A T I O N P T F E L
 C G R H I H N Q N E A R T H Y I P M L O
 W T E G K O C D C V E K C P T R A T E V
 S S R N R A N L U F Y O J U A I E M C E
 G O E W E I B K M A G Z D Y G T G V X J
 F H H L K R A U D R M E O Y A B E B P T
 R M H X P Z O N N N E N Y F L O R O F Q
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 S N V R Z Z K S D L A N M A E D H M I M
 A H O T V D O G I C Y O T R E G A K I L
 P Y R Q O E S A E D W H N E E F F E E C
 A F Z L R J M H G J J B W D W T V M R C
 G P K C J J F O K J I G O F V O K Q V B
 C N F N X S U S E J M P B P Y X C W I J

Word Bank

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|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Peace</i> | <i>Celebrate</i> | <i>Disciples</i> | <i>Fish</i> | <i>Believers</i> | <i>Kindness</i> | <i>Amen</i> |
| <i>Galilee</i> | <i>Faith</i> | <i>Hearts</i> | <i>Pray</i> | <i>Jesus</i> | <i>Serve</i> | <i>Creation</i> |
| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Joyful</i> | <i>Earth</i> | <i>Church</i> | <i>Love</i> | <i>Gratitude</i> | <i>Forgiveness</i> |
| <i>God</i> | <i>Bread</i> | <i>Share</i> | <i>Abundant</i> | <i>Cross</i> | <i>Holy Spirit</i> | |
| <i>Generously</i> | | <i>Generation</i> | <i>Pastor</i> | | | |

PARISH NURSE NOTES

Greetings to you all! It's during these very uncertain times of trying to stay away from people that makes me realize how much I need to be close to others to feed my soul and thrive! However now, more than ever, we need to remain diligent regarding what one article referred to as "**The Three W's to Ward off COVID-19: Wearing a mask, Washing your hands, and Watching your distance.**" Still skeptical? I'd like to focus on **mask wearing** and why it's so very important. I found excellent information on the how and why regarding masks online at a University of California - San Francisco site and I'd like to share some excerpts:

If we're practicing social distancing, do we still need to wear masks?

Of all the recommendations we hear about preventing virus transmission, the most important thing is wearing a mask. Dr. George Rutherford, epidemiologist at UCSF was quoted as saying, "Compared to wearing a mask, cleaning your iPhone or wiping down your groceries are just distractors. There is little evidence that contaminated surfaces are a major source of transmission, whereas there is A LOT of evidence of transmission through inhaled droplets. If you had to choose between wearing a mask or social distancing, I think mask wearing is more important."

Does the type of mask matter?

Studies have compared various mask materials, but for the general public, the most important consideration may be comfort. The best mask is one you can wear comfortably and consistently. The bottom line is that any mask that covers the nose and mouth will be of benefit. "The concept is risk reduction rather than absolute prevention," said Infectious Disease specialist, Dr. Peter Chin-Hong. "You don't throw up your hands if you think a mask is not 100 percent effective. That's silly. Nobody's taking a cholesterol medicine because they're going to prevent a heart attack 100 percent of the time, but you're reducing your risk substantially." However, experts cautioned against using N95 masks **with valves** (commonly used in construction to prevent the inhalation of dust) because they do not protect those around you. These one-way valves close when the wearer breathes in, but open when the wearer breathes out, allowing unfiltered air and droplets to escape.

Do masks protect the people wearing them or the people around them?

"I think there's enough evidence to say that the best benefit is...to protect people from giving COVID-19 to other people, but you're still going to get a benefit from wearing a mask if you don't have COVID-19," said Dr. Chin-Hong. Masks can prevent larger expelled droplets from evaporating into smaller droplets that can travel farther. Dr. Rutherford also noted that you could still catch the virus through the membranes in your eyes, a risk that masking does not eliminate.

I hope this has perhaps answered some of your questions about the big push for mask wearing; it's a most valuable way to love and protect our neighbors during this time. I feel certain Jesus would be wearing a mask!

Is there anybody out there who knows their way around recording technology and YouTube? There are a handful of Peace members who would like to watch our on-line worship services but they don't have internet, don't own a computer, or their facility has no way of getting YouTube on a TV for them. I'm not sure if this can even be done, but if anyone out there would know **how to get PLC's recorded services copied on to a disc so that it could be played in a DVD player, please let me know.** (We could pay for any incidental costs needed for this process.) How grateful they'd be if those who long to see the video services could view them on their TV! Please contact the church if you have any insight into this. The person who can come up with a way to do this would be the summer's MVP of our church, that's for sure!

At this point, there is much to consider when it comes to contemplating resuming indoor church services. We've formed a task force of individuals to examine just what this may look like and when it can happen. This committee will be meeting at the end of July, so stay tuned for updates....

Karen

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School, Confirmation, Summer Ministry Updates & More!



FIRST COMMUNION MILESTONE

Students who completed 5th Grade received "At Home Communion Kits" and are currently using their kits to discuss faith, learn about communion and engage in hands on activities to better understand the Lord's Supper. These students will participate in communion - most for the first time, on Wednesday, August 12th at our outdoor service!

MILESTONE MINISTRY

5th & 6th Grade Milestone Ministry

Our Milestone Ministry is all about faith at home! That's taken on a new meaning during these times, but we are excited to let you know that our 5th and 6th graders still were able to participate in the Milestone Ministry at home. Provided with resources from the church, families embarked on their Milestone journey together.



SERVANT HEART MILESTONE

Peace youth who recently completed 6th grade participated in our Servant Heart Milestone. Students learned more about what it means to serve as Christ did and they made a difference in our congregation (stained the fire pit benches), served our local community (park clean up and providing meals for those in need) and helped at home (by helping with younger siblings and helping with chores)!

Thank You

Thank you to Ronda Haley, Pat Lones, Carol Rhoe, & Alison Wynne along with Karen Fossum and Pat Adam for helping to make the milestone events possible and for helping to deliver our Summer Faith Kits to all of our Peace families!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED!

A letter with more information has been emailed to our Sunday School families and is available on our website. But, we want you to know that while our traditional week-long VBS won't take place this summer, we have exciting plans to incorporate VBS once a month into our Sunday School Ministry! Children will get to experience silly skits, games, Bible story dramas, and much more! We are making the most of our current situation and are thrilled to try a new approach to VBS this year!

SUMMER CONNECTIONS

Summer Faith Bags for our Sunday School Families

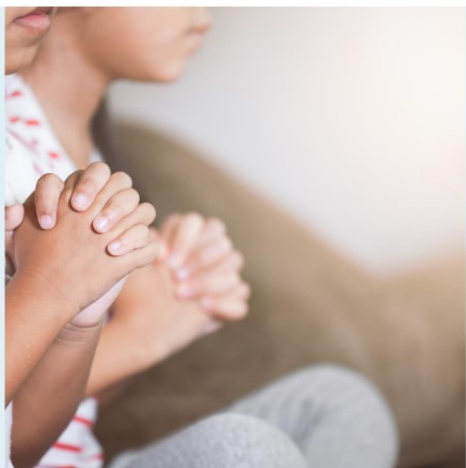
A We have wanted to ensure our children stay connected this summer while providing opportunities to continue to grow in faith. The Education Ministry has been hard at work (along with amazing volunteers) to assemble and deliver 2 rounds of "Summer Faith Bags" filled with candy prayer prompts, devotions, ideas for service and more! Families: another bag is in progress and will be delivered later this month!

If you haven't received your bag(s) yet...they're coming! It's joyful work, but takes time to deliver bags to our approximately 65 Sunday School Households!

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"This is awesome! I get to pray while eating skittles, bake cookies, and learn more about Jesus. And there's other fun things I got in my bag! Thank you to my church!"
- Peace Sunday School Youth

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We are looking ahead to our Sunday School and Confirmation Ministry. If you are interested in serving as a Sunday School teacher or Confirmation Small Group Leader this fall, please contact Stephanie: plceddir@gmail.com.

The church staff, along with the Task Force, is working diligently about Fall dates regarding Education Ministries. As soon as we have information and schedules available we will be sure to communicate that with you. Thanks for your patience!

We look forward to returning to adult education opportunities this fall! For women looking for a study: check out gathermagazine.org for a FREE summer study. Or you can sign up for a daily Bible reading by going to the ELCA's website: elca.org/Faith/DailyBible

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

We closed our last article with the writer of Ecclesiastes' advice to, "...respect and obey God." The writer used 12 chapters telling us why we ought to do that, but he didn't give us any clear instructions on how we should proceed.

Since last month, the threat of illness has turned our lives upside down. As the virus spreads, it becomes easier to yield to the temptation to allow fear and despair to rule our lives. Now is the time for us to rely on Jesus' truth, which completes Ecclesiastes' advice. Jesus tells his disciples, and us, *"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* Luke 12:32-34, New International Version.

The very necessary precautions we've been experiencing have made it more difficult for us to experience the "communion of saints" which we've become so accustomed to confessing together. But Jesus' words, accepted in our hearts and borne out in our actions, enable God's kingdom to come to us and through us. Thanks be to God for this awesome gift.

See you next month!

The Mission of the Stewardship Ministry of Peace Lutheran Church is to educate all Peace members about God's Scriptural teachings regarding stewardship; namely, that our lives and our property belong to God, and that our grateful response should include generously, intentionally, proportionately, and joyfully sharing our time, talent, and treasure for use in His service.

PLC Financial Update

GIVING total as of 6/30: \$244,502

BUDGET total as of 6/30: \$256,752

This-n-That

Thank You to Kyle Chapman, Jan Museus, Jessica, Michael & Jacob O'Connor, Tom and Linda Moore, Bonnie Crary, Phil Everhart and Diane Lechman for volunteering for some of the items on the "to do list" at Peace.

Thank you to Lori Kromrey (Lake Kountry Landscaping) for the beautiful flowers in the planter and the hanging baskets.

Thank you for the donations to the Siding Fund. We have received the necessary amount to complete the Siding/Fascia around the church!! However, the windows above the Sanctuary also need to be replaced at the cost of \$17,000. The Siding replacement will begin soon.

Thank you to everyone sewing masks, quilt tops or Little Dresses for Africa.

In addition to the dresses, Peace also collects shorts for little boys in Africa. Stores are beginning to put summer clothing on clearance. If you want to donate shorts, we are collecting sizes 4-16/18, elastic waist shorts. Please drop them off at church or in one of the coolers by the doors. We encourage you to wear a mask when in a public building and please shop only if you are comfortable doing so. Your safety is our first priority.

Blood Drive-Bethesda Lutheran Church Thursday, Aug. 20th, 12:30-5:30 pm

Call 1-800-733-2767 or
online: RedCrossBlood.org and enter BLC
to schedule an appointment

Luther Point Bible Camp Summer Celebration

Online and In Person Events will be held.
Sunday, Aug. 2-Sunday, Aug. 9. Online viewing and auction and many other events to participate in. More information may be found on their website: lutherpoint.org

Church Reopening Task Force

Peace has formed a "Task Force" to look at the logistics of when and how Peace can return to in person Worship, Sunday School, Confirmation and other religious activities. Once the committee feels that we can safely provide a meaningful Worship setting they will make a recommendation to the council of their suggestions. We will keep the congregation updated as decisions are made.

Members of the committee are: PLC Staff, Ronda Haley, Maria Gjovig, Heidi McNitt, Joe Rysdam, Melissa Hall & Jeff Simpkins

Online YouTube Services Each Weds., 8am-noon at Peace Beginning August 5th

Are you unable to watch the services online due to not having internet capabilities? Each Wednesday, 8:00-Noon, Peace staff will have the previous Sunday service available to view in our Church Sanctuary.

You must call the office to reserve your "pew" and time slot. The service will be shown on the hour (8, 9, 10, & 11 am). The seating will be physically distanced and masks are required.

Congrats! Former Peace Intern (1997-98), Pastor Maggie Isaacson, is retiring! Her family is having a party on August 30th that will conclude with fireworks. If you are interested in attending, contact Sarah Hill, 715-410-4315 for more information. If you would like to send her a card her address is: Maggie Isaacson, 921 E. 3rd Ave., Luck, WI 54853

If you have some knowledge of technology or understanding of transferring a Youtube video to a disc, please see the Parish Nurse page for her paragraph on help wanted.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1st	Joel Berg	Connor Brown
2nd	Jack Kaiser	26th Wayne Johnson
3rd	Robyn Bjornstad	Jolene Baillargeon
	Shawn Busby	Dean Skinner
	Karli Mayer	27th Matt Gregory
4th	Barb Degner	Madison Gorski
5th	Tim Smith	Alex Robinson
	Janet Smith	Aydin Koenig
	Jackson Scholz	Weston Paulson
6th	Kendel Hagen	28th Larry Carlson
	Kaden Tinney	29th Jeff Simpkins
	Brooks Renslow	30th Isaac Briggs
7th	Jeff Needham	31st Audrina Adam
8th	Ted Bents	
	Shannon Busick	
	Susan Lee	
9th	Jason Tinney	
11th	Kathy Clark	
	Debbie Brust	
	Jim Glenna	
	Jennifer Jones	
	Jessica Demulling	
	Maria Hanson	
	Marlene Peer	
12th	Judy Dittrich	
	Jackie Peterson	
13th	Charlie Kaiser	
14th	Sonya Swanson	
	Larry Koenig	
15th	Kim Koosman	
	Michael Hale	
	Ayda Carufel	
16th	Deb Koehler	
18th	Shane O'Connor	
19th	David Rosik	
	Brody Mayer	
22nd	Wayne Kloetzke	
	Diane Swiontek	
23rd	Kevin Busick	
24th	Sue Rosengren	
	Leevi Berg	
25th	Marge Williams	
	Anna Smith	



Peace Prayer List

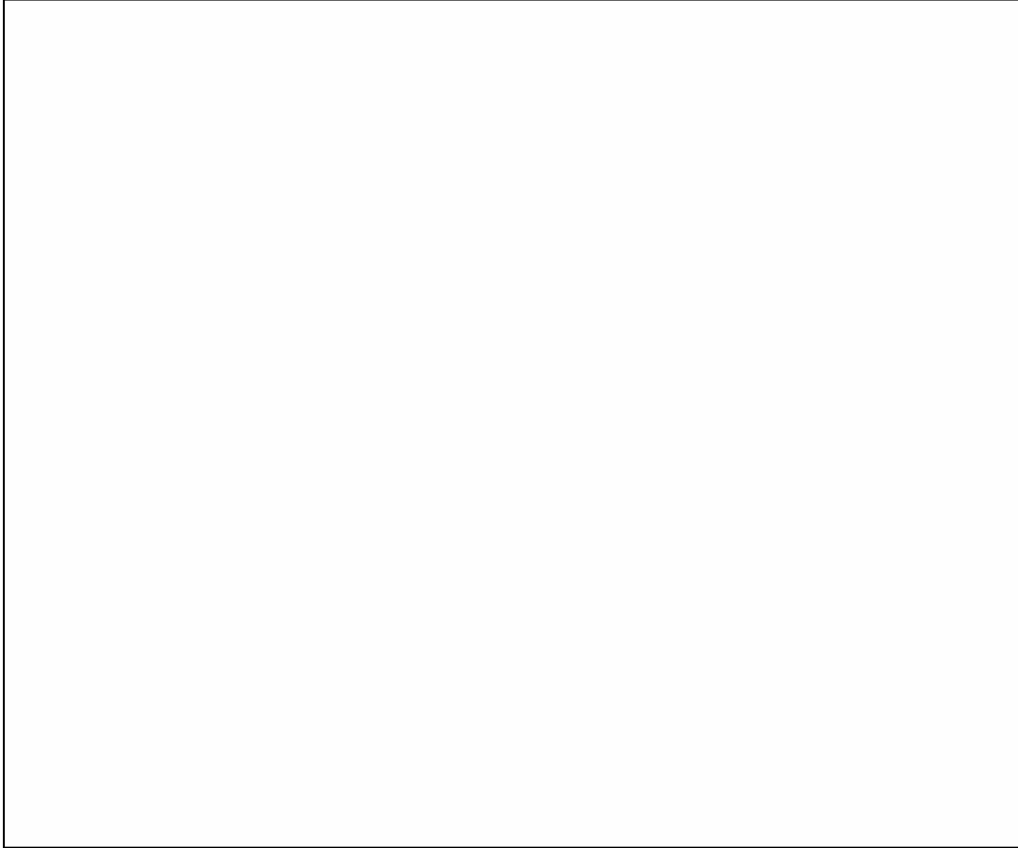
-this month we especially prayed for:

Gwen Anderson (Rosella Geving's niece)
Jeffery Bird (Betty Miller's son)
Jordan Braund (Dave & Jackie Berg's niece)
Chris Gilchrist (Dale & Carol Rhoe's son)
Fred & Lisa Haines
Presley & Alexa Hall (nieces of Jeff & Melissa Hall)
Julie Hendrickson (Trina Hendrickson's sister)
Lee Johnson (Ronda Haley's sister-in-law)
Sharon Johnson (Danielle Nelson's aunt)
Jim Kirby
Mary Nelson (Craig Nelson's mother)
Ken Peterson (friend of Dick & Rosella Geving's)
Kylie Peterson (Peggy Basham's niece)
Barb Plumley (Ilene Chapman's daughter)
Mike Shannon (Robi Hollman's father)
Adrian Smith (great nephew of Tim DeMenge)
Joel Wigstadt (Kathy Clark's nephew)
Chris & Wendy Wilson (Jodi Swenson's brother & wife)
Jim Wynne, Jr. (Dallas Wynne's cousin)
Serving in the Military: Collin Western

Family of Tom Berg (Joel Berg's brother)
Family of Joe Mallery (Mary Johnson's brother)
Family of Lori Cullen (Bob & Dee Larsen's daughter)

Divine Rehab & Nursing, SCF: Merlin Johnson, Opal Parel
CCH, Osceola: Ramona Paulson, Bob Larsen, Betty Brust, Margaret Vaala
Golden Age Manor, Amery: Chuck Siltberg
Evergreen Sr. Apartments, Amery: Anita Siltberg





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