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# News from Peace!

*June 2020*

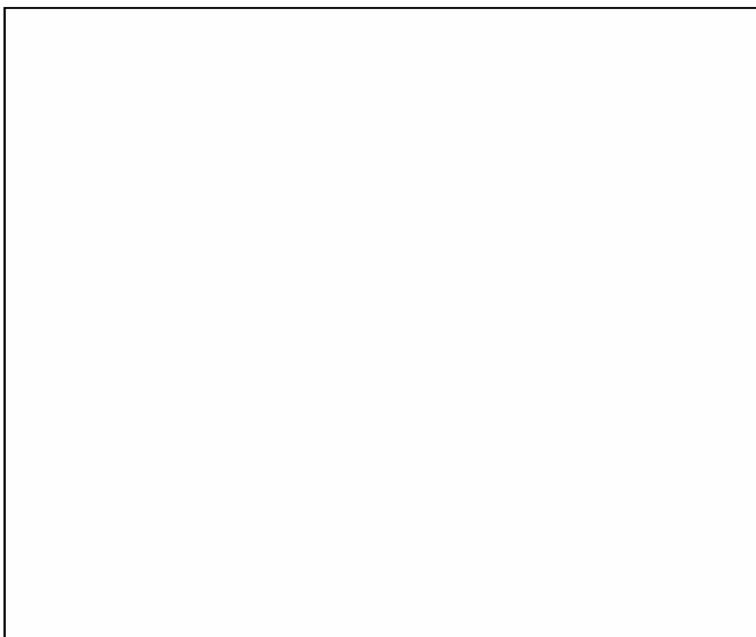
Dear Church,

I'm not sure I've ever been more proud to be a pastor of a church. The support, encouragement and ministry that we have all done together these last several months is nothing short of amazing. It's truly God at work through you and me.

THANK YOU, Peace Lutheran, for being the church for the sake of the world. Thank you for your generosity over these past several months. Thank you for being flexible and supportive of the [sometimes tough] decisions that have been made regarding gathering together. Thank you for electing an incredible council who truly care about each other and this church, even when they might not agree when discussing matters of the church. Our council is our leadership and I truly believe that the way they enter into discussion with incredible respect and love for one another, and the Lord, is a great example of what it means to be church. Thank you for continuing to uplift and support the staff. We truly have the best of the best and they continue to work diligently, engage in and create ministry opportunities that they would not have even dreamed of doing 6 months ago, and work to provide incredible faith moments for us all. And lastly, THANK YOU for being the church. The building may be closed for now, but WE ARE THE CHURCH, and that has never been closed. Not even for a minute.

See you in Church! Wherever that may be...

-Pastor Melissa



## **Pentecost, Communion, & Red....Oh My!**

**Pentecost is THIS SUNDAY** (May 31st, 2020), and we celebrate the birthday of the church, when Jesus breathed a breath and gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us, as a church, wherever we go and whatever we do. We certainly are being lead by the Holy Spirit in this time and we invite you to celebrate this holiday, Pentecost, with us during our online worship on Sunday. We invite you all to wear red (to signify the flames of the Holy spirit) and send in a video so that we can be in community together

If you are unsure or unable to take the video, please contact the staff and we will come out and video you (from 6ft away) so you can be included in worship!

We will also be receiving the gift and sacrament of Holy Communion this Sunday (May 31st) together!! You can do this in one of two ways:

**Virtual/Home Communion:** Prepare your elements at home (bread or crackers and wine or juice) and watch worship (available beginning at 8am). Partake in holy communion virtually while you worship

**Drive-Through Communion:** Watch worship (on our Youtube Channel) before 10am. Between 10-11am, drive to Peace Lutheran and drive up to a communion station, where gloved and masked council members will be ready to serve you Holy Communion. You may get out of your car to receive the elements (they will be handed to you across a table, on a one-time use platter) and then receive the sending blessing from Pastor Melissa. If you are not able to (or desire not to) get out of your car, please let us know and we will serve you while you stay in your vehicle.

We hope to make this communion option a more-regular schedule, so stay tuned (and check our weekly emails) for updates regarding future communion opportunities.

### **Community Cook-out to Go:**

We are so excited to offer this **Community Cook-out to Go** as a way to kick off the summer with our community. We are still accepting monetary donations to help make this meal possible (and free to the community!) and we also need you to help spread the word!!! Invite your families, friends, and neighbors as we hope to serve as many people as possible!! We are blessed to be a blessing!



Community Cook Out To Go! Thursday, June 4th

Menu: Grilled Hot dogs, Beans, Chips & Applesauce

**FREE MEAL:** Drive through Peace Lutheran's Parking Lot

4:00-4:30 pm - Elderly and Immunocompromised

4:30-6:00 pm - General Public

Please stay **IN** your vehicle. We will bring the meal out to you.

### **Our Website got a facelift!!**

Have you checked out our website lately? Head to [plcdresser.org](http://plcdresser.org) and check out the new facelift that our website got!! A HUGE thanks to Jordan Swiontek for the help and guidance on redesigning our website!

### **We have a new logo!!**

# JUNE & JULY BIRTHDAYS

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Julia Bottolfson	06/02	Bode Gabriel	06/20
Sean Burrows	06/03	Sharon Wampfler	06/20
Betty Brust	06/04	Evan Gorres	06/21
Linda Kahl	06/04	Henry Thanig	06/21
Bev Kobs	06/04	Becky Olson	06/22
Macey McNitt	06/04	Jackie Berg	06/23
Steve Bystrom	06/05	Nathan Ferris	06/24
Karen Hale	06/05	Rose Swanson	06/25
Mack Hagen	06/06	Kailey Ekstrom	06/26
Mary Smith	06/06	Orlin Ellefson	06/26
Matthew Brice	06/07	Diane Lysne	06/26
Michael O'Connor	06/07	Dawn Western	06/26
Eva Gonzalez	06/08	Chris Chinander	06/27
Camryn Maypark	06/08	Mary Flood	06/27
James Maypark	06/08	Logan Schrock	06/29
Dale Rhoe	06/08	Chad Stephansen	06/29
Philip Everhart	06/09	Willa Brown	06/30
Angela Gorski	06/09	Mark Swenson	06/30
Lori Kromrey	06/09	Carl Busby	07/01
Greg Guggisberg	06/10	Jeff Cronick	07/01
Carson Hollman	06/12	Larry Benitz	07/02
Ilie Jensen	06/12	Dave Berg	07/02
Ellen Brice	06/13	Patricia Lones	07/02
Judy Carlson	06/13	Jackson Baillargeon	07/03
Lisa Robinson	06/13	Samuel Thanig	07/03
Gary Landgren	06/14	Bobbi Blattner	07/04
Declan Greenquist	06/16	Louise Dyrbye	07/04
Jaxson Tinney	06/16	Anne Miller	07/04
Bruce Plomski	06/17	Jerry Kolve	07/05
Edward Fehlen	06/18	Bryan Raddatz	07/05
Kylie Thompson	06/18	Dawn Gourley	07/06
Lisa LaMirande	06/19	Dick Museus	07/06
Daniel Newman	06/19	Sandra Ball	07/07
Ethan Stephansen	06/19	Paul Smith	07/08
Grace Ulrich	06/19	Isaac Tate	07/08

Isaiah Tate	07/08	Timothy Lundeen	07/25
Corey Ulrich	07/08	Carol Rhoe	07/25
Gavin Doyle	07/09	Jenna Rondeau	07/25
Kayla Stankowski	07/09	Marilyn Tretsven	07/25
Luke Haase	07/10	Lincoln Ferris	07/26
Janice Johnson	07/10	Angela Gorres	07/26
Rachel Kautz	07/11	Matthew Lechman	07/26
Lauren Kromrey	07/11	Wyatt Martinson	07/26
Katie Raddatz	07/11	Betty Miller	07/26
Stacy Busick	07/12	Sawyer Brice	07/27
Jacob DeFoe	07/12	Alyssa Johnson	07/27
Kieran DeFoe	07/12	Diane Moser	07/28
Leyla Kromrey	07/12	Kris Swanson	07/28
Sue Demenge	07/13	Matthew Ward	07/28
Aaron Hartman	07/13	Mike Lee	07/29
Mitchell Strege	07/13	Terry Bjornstad	07/30
Ethan Guilfoile	07/14	Eric Mayer	07/30
Tawnya Koenig	07/14	Kathleen Nelson	07/30
Josilyn Walstead	07/14	Vernon Rondeau	07/30
Ryan Rondeau	07/17	Callie Whittaker	07/30
Mike DeFoe	07/18	Clayton Whittaker	07/30
Katelyn Haase	07/18	Luke Roytek	07/31
Jim Olson	07/18		
Sydney Peterson	07/18		
Mary Larson	07/20		
Gretchen Larson	07/21		
Ken Stensven	07/21		
Thelma Vanderwerf	07/21		
Michon Harelson	07/22		
Madison Link	07/22		
Blake Slater	07/22		
Aaron Steele	07/22		
Bella Brown	07/23		
Adam Solsrud	07/23		
Dana Bussewitz	07/24		

A note from the Office Secretary...

Wow! We (the staff) really miss you, our members and friends of Peace! Along with you, we have found ourselves living in a strange world right now. I have missed seeing members of my family, socializing with friends, and being able to shop where and when that I want to. This has certainly made me realize how fortunate I have been and continue to be.

The office staff continues to work as much as we are able and still follow the guidelines on social distancing and keep ourselves and our families safe. I am typically in the office every Tuesday and Wednesday (all day), and Monday and Thursday mornings. Our job duties have changed and we are glad to do whatever it is to keep the ministry of Peace going.

Things that I've noticed in our church building...

- ◆ The coffee pots and cups are still on a cart, waiting for a Sunday morning when they will be filled and people will gather around in fellowship
- ◆ The windows on the doors have stayed clean without the little hands going in and out and leaving their precious handprints
- ◆ The lawn still gets mowed, and flowers need to be watered, even though no one is here to see them
- ◆ The phone rings so much less
- ◆ The kitchen-so clean and quiet. No confirmation meals, funeral luncheons and other fellowship events where there is reminiscing, fun, laughter and sharing
- ◆ Peace members have continued to bless the office with needed donations of office supplies and other items needed for our ministries
- ◆ From my office window I watch people pick up mask and Little Dresses kits and drop off completed masks for our local healthcare and Little Dresses for children around the world
- ◆ Each week I can hear our accompanists and musicians taping music for our Sunday morning YouTube services-how awesome

While the church building itself is not being used for Worship Services, Confirmation, Sunday School, and other events, the ministry of Peace continues.

On the following page is a list of tasks, inside and outside of the church building, that we need help with. Please look this over carefully and call or email me if you are willing to help. It's a great time of year to be working outside and you can safely complete these tasks while social distancing.

Please know that as a staff we are praying for you and planning for the time when we can once again worship together in our beautiful church building.

Blessings,

Pat Adam  
Office Administrator

Please let the office know if you can help with any of these tasks. Thanks!



- ◆ Put snow shovels and sidewalk salt away
- ◆ Pull weeds around the building
- ◆ Use a power sander to sand the rough boards on outside planter
- ◆ Stain the outside planter
- ◆ Change coffee pot filter (quick job-need to be able to get down on knees)
- ◆ Apply Round Up to weeds in cemetery sidewalk
- ◆ Use power washer to remove the weeds in sidewalk(s)
- ◆ Apply Round Up between cemetery shrubs (carefully)
- ◆ Trim bottom of pine tree (between office and the road)
- ◆ Scrub moss/lichen off from some cemetery headstones
- ◆ Trim the dead branches from cemetery shrubs (there are lots of shrubs)
- ◆ Put (fake) bee hives on roof by heating/cooling motors to deter bees
- ◆ Sort through a donation of greeting cards (could be done at home)
- ◆ Scrub the parking sign holders
- ◆ Paint the parking sign holders black

### **This-n-That:**

Thank You so much to everyone who has donated items or money for the Community Hot Dog Meal that Peace is serving on June 4th.

Thank you to everyone sewing masks, quilt tops or Little Dresses for Africa. The quilts and dresses were blessed and are being distributed this week.

There were 251 dresses which will be on their way to Nigeria very soon. The 76 large quilts and 10 baby quilts are ready to be delivered to various agencies also.

People have also been generous with donations for the Siding Fund. Currently, we are only in need of approximately \$6500 and then they will begin applying the siding (all around the building).

Cemetery Watering-please let the office know if you want to be on the schedule to water the cemetery flowers. During the months of June-August, we water the flowers in the urns and pots once a week.

### **Father's day Baskets - Coming Soon!!**

The youth will once again be selling "Father's Day Baskets" for you to purchase to give to your favorite dad or dad-like figure. Watch our facebook page and weekly emails for details and basket contents.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Update from Stephanie Lechman

We've been so grateful to continue ministry these last few months and are looking forward to continued ministry this summer! Thank you to the many volunteers for helping to make ministry possible and for our amazing church family for helping us all stay connected. Be sure to connect with us on our website and on Facebook for updates regarding updates.



## SERVING & CONNECTING

The Berg Family completed all of the "challenges" we sent based on serving and connecting as a family. Way to go! And thanks to all of the Sunday School families for participating in these during the Easter season.

## FAITH FORMATION @ HOME

While we didn't meet in person for the last few months of Sunday School we connected with students through postcards, memory work activities, weekly family discussions and more. Thank you students for staying connected!

## LITTLE BITTY BOOK CLUB

The past few months we were able to continue the Little Bitty Book Club Ministry by dropping off books, activities and snacks to participants! Thanks to all of our amazing volunteers for making deliveries!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*August 10th - 13th, 2020*

VBS has been rescheduled from June to August due to COVID-19. We'd love to meet in person; however, are working on an alternative plan just in case it's not wise to do so. Please be sure to check our Facebook page and e-mail for additional information and updates in the next couple of months. In the meantime, please register for VBS so we know how many we can plan for...no need to pay yet - just register if interested in participating!!

FREE Summer Faith Kits are now available for pick up for Sunday School families! Family devotions, summer activities and more are included in each bag. Please contact the church office prior to pick up.



## Message from Nurse Karen

Life-as-we-know-it has certainly changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and, if you feel like me, it still seems surreal at times. As restrictions have loosened in our area, I would encourage people to stay diligent and follow the guidelines we've all come to know: practice physical distancing from others, wash your hands often, refrain from touching your face, cough into the bend of your arm at the elbow and stay home if you're feeling sick. And if you're over 65 and/or have underlying health issues, continue to stay home more than you normally would. I'd also encourage everyone to wear a mask when in a store or anyplace where you may likely encounter other people. There has been a rise in the number of positive virus cases in Polk County just over the past week, and that number could likely continue to go up along with increased hospitalizations. It appears that summer may look a lot different than what we're used to as big social gatherings are getting cancelled or postponed on a frequent basis. I'm writing this not to make people panic and never go outside of their home, but just to make folks aware and be smart about their choices.

I will likely plan to start doing foot and nail care again soon for those of you whose feet are, undoubtedly, in need of some attention. This will be on a case-by-case basis to start with, and I will require one to wear a mask while I'm working. In an attempt to maintain virus precautions, I may change up how these sessions are done, so I hope everyone will be flexible for the time being. I understand that people's feet may be to the point of hurting; however, my primary concern is your safety as well as mine. You can call the church office if you'd like to have your name on a list for foot and nail care. My hours at church have varied somewhat over the past few weeks, as my responsibilities and hours have fluctuated at my clinic job in Amery. I am grateful to the rest of the staff and our church council for allowing for the flexibility as I navigate both positions during this time.

The Caregiver Support Group that meets here at Peace has not been able to meet face-to-face for 3 months now. We're bouncing around ideas about how we can join together again safely in the upcoming months, but now seems like a good time to encourage people to think about joining the support group if you're caring for a loved-one. The stay-at-home mandate we were under meant people who were already taxed with caregiving weren't able to get out of the house to go anywhere to get away from their duties for a long time. And that can REALLY wear on a person. Contact me if you would like more info on getting connected to this group.

We should all be getting used to the changes we're experiencing as a state, country and world. Now more than ever life can be full of chaos & challenges. Take a deep breath in and out to calm yourself. Pray for God to grant you patience as you're trying to work from home and break up squabbles between your kids. Turn off the TV (and the endless coverage of everything COVID) and call a friend. Apologize for the harsh response you gave to your spouse's question. Write a letter or send a birthday card the "old fashioned" way. Ask for God's forgiveness and forgive yourself if you lose control or fail...take another deep breath in and blow it all out slowly...then try again. Believe there are others around you that are also struggling.

To say that I miss everyone at PLC is such an understatement!!! Stay safe and stay sane as we collectively navigate the uncertainties of the next few weeks/months.

I hope to see you all very soon, *Karen*

## Update from the Council President

Peace Members & Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of Peace Lutheran, it's ministries and it's mission! The past 10 weeks have put our church, and our members, in a strange situation that we did not foresee happening. Our staff is continuing to work together to offer new ways to worship and to keep in contact with our members.

Pastor Melissa and the church council meet regularly (via Zoom) to keep updated on our finances and to plan how and when to safely open our church building for worship and other events. We want you to know that the health of our members is a priority. We will keep you updated as our plans develop by our weekly email and/or a mailing.

Dallas Wynne, Council President



Hope Anderson	Ryan Leidle
Austin Couch	Madison Link
Paige Dvorak	Adam Orton
Brooke Ellefson	Bryanna Raddatz
Jhette Gabriel	Kayla Rondeau
Madison Gorski	Luke Roytek
Declan Greenquist	Dane Rutledge
Connor Hinze	Blake Slater
MaKenna Hollman	Zach Solsrud
Logan Johnson	Mitchell Steele
Riley Kosman	Laura Swanson
Colin Krentz	Matthew Ward
Trevor LaMirande	Drew Willeman

**Peace High School Graduates** were given a blanket and a basket of goodies in honor of their accomplishment. Thank you to those that made the blankets, they are so appreciated!

It's not too late for the graduates to pick up their gifts if they were unable to on that Sunday. Please call the office to set up a time.

