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News from Peace!

October 2020

To my new Peace Family,

It's hard to believe I have been part of life here at church among you for a month already, but with the trees popping with vibrant colors, I'm reminded that time continues to pass with the calendar turning to October. Maybe we're just easily fooled here at church by some stray Lenten decorations hanging around that can make it feel as if we're closing in on the 200th day of March?

To say that my first month here at Peace has been unusual or odd might be putting it nicely. The beginning of the school year and the month of September typically bring us many feelings of excitement, newness, and possibility. Instead, the ringing in of the season has been delayed into October, with the usual pomp and circumstance substituted for more socially distant celebrations and a hyper-focus on public health. I rejoice that we have been able to worship outdoors and have been graced with good weather this September so I have been able to get to know some of you, and I also join you in grieving the loss of the gatherings and humble coffee hours that form and hold our Christian life together.

This coming month, we take a big, brave, and cautious step by opening our building for worship on Sundays and finally begin our year of education programming. I'm sure, like many of you, I am equally thrilled and anxious about what lies ahead. Some words that came to my mind were Peter's on the mountainside at Jesus' transfiguration in Matthew 17. He says to Jesus, "*Lord, it is good for us to be here,*" then asking if he should set up tents so they might stay. When I reflect on that statement in our time, even though I truly believe it, I also find myself thinking, "But is it really *right now?*"

I find comfort in Peter's words when I remember that tents are movable! While we may need to set our stakes a bit further apart than we are accustomed to or be ready to pack and move camp from time to time in the coming months, we are still connected, still a community, and still the church. Though the circumstances, looks, and methods may change, the Church will always be found in our hearts as believers, and we are forever united in the love of Christ and through the Spirit.

For the next year, I have the privilege of pitching my tent on this hillside along Clark Road to dwell among all of you, and I am brainstorming the best ways to integrate myself to better know all of you and the stories of this place. If you are comfortable, feel free to invite me over or out for lunch or coffee and school events once more folks are allowed in. I'll be figuring out alternative ways to get to know you all as well, so stay tuned! I'm open to any ideas and suggestions you may have too!

Blessings to you and yours this coming season,

Intern Pastor Ben



WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH BUILDING

Beginning Oct. 4th, weather permitting, we will still worship out on the front lawn of the building. If it is raining or less than 60 degrees we will be inside the church.

There will be 2 services regardless of worshipping outdoors or indoors:

8:30 am Service (30 minutes) Recommended for the elderly (60 years* young and over) and immunocompromised members. This service will be held in the Sanctuary.

9:30 am Service (30 minutes) Recommended for families and those younger than 60 years*. This service will be held in the Fellowship Hall

NOTE: We will still be having a Worship Service on our YouTube page and you may sit in your car in our parking lot and tune your radio to 99.3 FM to listen to the service each Sunday!

*Family units comprised of young and old are welcome to worship together!

GUIDELINES FOR GATHERING FOR INDOOR WORSHIP BEGINNING OCTOBER 4TH

Members of the Peace Covid Task Force and Church council have discussed how we can gather together in person, inside the church building. In Matthew 22, Jesus says, “*Love the Lord you God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind...*” and “*Love your neighbor as yourself.*” This pandemic puts the most vulnerable at risk which means taking precautions to reduce the risk of transmission not for our own sake, but for the sake of our neighbor. With that in mind, the leadership has developed the following plan based on the recommendations from the CDC, the ELCA and the WI Council of Churches.

- ◆ We recognize that the risk may come in waves. If the situation warrants, we may need to return to online worship only.
- ◆ As weather allows (60 degrees or warmer/not raining), we will worship outside during the month of October. If it is raining or colder, we will worship inside.
- ◆ When we do worship in the building, the following protocols will be implemented:
 - * Please wear a mask inside the church building-if you do not have one, we have one for you
 - * Hand sanitizer stations are available by the entrance and the restrooms
 - * Restrooms will be available but drinking fountains are turned off
 - * Every other pew will be “roped off” to maintain social distancing. Families or others that are part of your group may sit together
 - * The offering basket will be by the doors to the Sanctuary and F. Hall
 - * Individual Communion packets will be distributed by the Ushers
 - * We will not share the peace or sing—there may be special music during the service

Please see the Parish Nurse (page 5) for COVID-19 safety reminders.

O C T O B E R 2 0 2 0

SUNDAY	MON.	TUES.	WEDS.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
				1 7pm-AA	2	3
4 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Worship	5	6 9:00 am Staff Mtg	7 6:00 pm 7th grade Mtg. 7:30 pm 8th grade Mtg. 7:30 pm Educa- tion Ministry	8 7pm-AA	9	10
11 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School and Little Bitty Book Bunch	12 7:00 pm Internship Mtg	13 Staff Plan- ning Day- out of office	14 7-8 pm HS Youth 7:30 pm Youth Ministry Mtg	15 7:00 pm Council Mtg 7pm-AA	16	17
18 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Worship PreK & 3rd Grade Bible Presented	19	20 9:00 am Staff Mtg	21 6:30-7:30 pm 7th-8th Conf 10th Grade Conf Pictures.	22 7pm-AA	23	24
25 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Worship 1:00 & 3:00 pm Confirmation Services	26	27 9:00 am Staff Mtg 1:30 pm Rachael Circle	28 7-8 pm HS Youth	29 7pm-AA	30	31

8:30 Service

October 4th Ushers: Paul Lindholm & Dick Blattner
Lay Rdr:

October 11th Ushers: Tom & Linda Moore
Lay Rdr:

October 18th Ushers:
Lay Rdr: Maria Gjovig

October 25th Ushers: Chris Chinander
Lay Rdr.: Claire Chinander

9:30 Service

Pete Peterson
Kayla Stankowski
Steve & Karrie Swenson
Karrie Swenson
Dawn Peer

John Haley & Peter Ward

PARISH NURSE NOTES

Besides the specific information about PLC's planned reopening found on page 3, here are other important **COVID-19 SAFETY REMINDERS** to keep in mind:

- ◆ Stay home if you are sick and avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- ◆ Stay at least 6 feet from other people when you are in public places.
- ◆ If you are over 65 or have certain underlying medical conditions, stay at home and avoid situations where you could be exposed.
- ◆ Cover your mouth and nose by coughing/sneezing into your elbow or a Kleenex. Throw used tissues into the trash right away.
- ◆ Wash your hands often with soap and water, using friction for 20 seconds.
- ◆ Always wash your hands after being in a public place. And ALWAYS after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- ◆ If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that is > 60% alcohol.

Keep in mind that there are some less-common symptoms people can experience when contracting COVID-19. Besides fever, chills, a new cough, shortness of breath, sore throat or loss of taste or smell, one may have a headache, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, or body aches. Please call your clinic if you experience a new onset of any combination of the above symptoms.

And what about stress and anxiety that folks may be experiencing during this time of social isolation and the many uncertainties of COVID-19? I found valuable information about resiliency and self-care during these changing times. Please take time to look at the website www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/resilient.htm.

Toenail care done by the parish nurse has been a beneficial ministry for years here at Peace. I halted this service when the pandemic began and have only recently started performing foot and nail care for people while seated outside. I'm happy to visit you at home to trim your toenails (and will continue to ask that we meet outside as weather permits); however moving forward there will need to be minor changes to protect both *you and me*. First and foremost, I will require you to properly wear a mask while I'm at your feet. I will also focus on the task at hand to limit the length of my visit to a goal of less than 20 minutes. With all of the changes in our world over the past 6 months, I feel so fortunate that we are able to continue offering to help our members in this way!

With October already here, I'd be amiss if I didn't remind all of you to **get a flu vaccine**. We've all got enough going on in our lives now with COVID precautions – none of us needs to contract the flu on top of that!

Take extra good care, and I look forward to seeing more of you again as we get back to worshipping together,

Karen

Youth Programming

Here is what's happening for our 7th - 12th Grade Students this fall!

***A reminder to all students:** *If either SCF or OHS closes or is cancelled due to Covid-19 or inclement weather, church activities will be cancelled as well.*

7th-8th Grade

7th & 8th grade confirmation students will meet on-site every other week (schedule will be handed out at the parent meeting) and will also engage in off-site small group gatherings for their off-site weeks. An online only option is also available for students if the family so chooses. We are excited to welcome you to a new and creative, grace-filled year of growing in faith!

9th Grade

9th graders will be participating in "Peace University" for their 9th grade year of Confirmation. Students will be able to choose courses and a schedule that fits their busy lifestyle and that speaks to their gifts and talents. 9th Graders will have the opportunity to participate in High School Youth Group (on-site) every other Wednesday from 7-8pm, while choosing other "elective" courses or activities the opposite weeks. (Parents: Detailed information was given out and discussed at the Parent Meeting on Sept. 30th. Please contact Pastor Melissa if you were unable to attend the meeting or would like to learn more). We look forward to this new opportunity and way of learning for our 9th grade students.

10th - 12th Grade

In-Person YOUTH GROUP begins Wednesday, October 14th at the church (7-8pm) and will meet every other week. The weeks that we do not meet at church, we have something NEW THIS YEAR just for 10th - 12th Graders!! LIFE GROUP will meet every other week (the opposite weeks of Youth Group) off-site from 7-8pm to experience faith through different life experiences. Save the Date for the following Life Group Locations this fall and invite your friends to join in the fun!

Join us on Wednesdays from 7-8pm:

- Oct 14** Youth Group at Church
- Oct 21** Pumpkin Patch & Pumpkin Carving Context (11th & 12th Grade Only!)
- Oct 28** Youth Group at Church
- Nov. 4** Woodfire Pizza (build your own) and Bonfire at Pastor Melissa's House (10th - 12th Grade)
- Nov 11** Youth Group at Church
- Nov. 18** Volleyball Olympics at Swanson's (10th - 12th Grade)

****To receive weekly information and the location of these events, make sure that you are signed up to receive our Remind Texts. (To join the Remind Group, send a text to 81010 and text this message @plcyou. Parents - you are also welcome to join the remind texts for updates and information).****

2021 Summer Mission Trip to Idaho (9th - 12th Grade)

Dates: TBD

We are rebooked to go to Idaho this summer!! Watch for information coming soon regarding dates of this trip. If you were registered to attend the mission trip last summer, you will be contacted regarding dates, cost, and logistics of the trip in Mid October or early November. If you are interested in attending the High School Mission trip this summer and were NOT registered to attend last summer, please contact Pastor Melissa at plcyouthpastor@gmail.com or by texting/calling (651)338-7459.

9th Graders received information regarding the 2021 Mission Trip at the 9th grade parent meeting on September 30th. Contact Pastor Melissa if you weren't able to make that meeting or would like more information.

October In-Person Sunday School Sunday, October 11th

All Children (4K-6th Grade) are invited to participate in our In-Person Sunday School Event on Sunday, October 11th. Children will be placed in small groups upon arrival (siblings will stay together) and will rotate between stations to experience a Bible story, snack, decorate a pumpkin, creation & faith activity. All activities will be outside (weather permitting) & social distanced. Masks Required.

Registrations went out in September, and families are asked to submit registrations ASAP to ensure we have enough supplies and materials.

Sunday School Children are also able to participate in "At-Home Sunday School" the other weeks in October through the following ways:

Sunday, October 4th

Memorize John 1:5
*"The light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness
did not overcome it."*

Video yourself once you have memorized this verse and submit your video on our Sunday School page and be entered to win a gift card to DQ!!



Sunday, October 11th

Join us for our In-Person
Sunday School Day and
have fun at our
Peace Pumpkin Party
(10:15am-11:15am)



Sunday, October 18th

Complete the
Monthly Challenge.

This will be emailed to all Sunday School Families prior to the 18th and posted on our children and family Facebook page. Submit your work and be entered to win a Walmart Gift card!!

Sunday, October 25th

Complete the monthly
at-home service project.

Details will be posted on our Children & Family Facebook Page and be emailed to parents in early October.

Show us how you were God's hand's and feet in this way and be entered to win a Domino's Gift card!!



OTHER NEWS

Trollhaugen Bake Sale-Oct. 4th Baked Goods Needed

The youth will once again host a table at Trollhaugen's open house with baked goods and maple syrup on Sunday, Oct. 4th. If you are willing to donate and/or make items for our bake sale, please contact Pastor Melissa or the church office. All items need to be packaged to sell (on a plate or an entire pan) and need to be to the church by 10am on Sunday, October 4th. The Bake Sale is from 12-4pm at Trollhaugen. All proceeds benefit youth and family ministries and missions. Stop by and say hi!

October Syrup Special Maple Cream In Stock!!

Stock up on delicious Maple Cream this month! Usually only available for the holidays, for the first time ever, we have made a special order of our famous Maple Cream available for purchase in the month of October. Stock up now and enjoy Maple Cream on your pancakes, toast, in your coffee, or as a dip with pretzels. This sells fast, so purchase your maple cream by contacting the church office, or on Sunday Mornings (while supplies last). Maple Cream is best kept in the freezer and makes great gifts. \$10 each.



KID'S WORSHIP BAGS

As we begin worshipping in the building, we are excited and ready to welcome back ALL of our members, including our smallest children. For your enjoyment, the children may pick up individual/take-home Worship bags when they enter worship. These bags are yours to keep and we ask that you take them home with you. Each Sunday, children may grab a NEW bag to enjoy and take home. We love our children of Peace!!

Peace Lutheran's Little Bitty

Book Club

All children who are not yet enrolled in our Sunday School Ministry are invited to take part in our Book Bunch that meets once a month!

We'll gather on the 2nd Sunday of each month during the Sunday School gathering (10:00).

Join us on October 11th for a story (that kids get to keep), a craft or activity and a snack! This is for children not yet enrolled in 4K and younger.

Note: Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

Fall Pumpkin Pie Sale Fundraiser!!

\$12 each or 2 for \$20 (Preorder today!)

Pick up Nov. 8 & 22

Preorder today!! Pumpkin Pies for sale!! (made safely in our licensed kitchen, following all recommended guidelines) You can preorder yours by emailing plcdresseroffice@gmail.com or by calling the church office at (715) 755-2515. Please indicate how many pies you would like and if you would like to pick them up on Nov. 8th or Nov. 22nd. We will also have a limited amount available for purchase on Nov 8th & Nov 22 (while supplies last). Pick up will be from 9am-11am each day. All proceeds benefit youth programs & missions of Peace Lutheran.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Jacob woke up suddenly and thought, *‘The Lord is in this place, and I didn’t even know it.’* Then Jacob became frightened and said, *‘This is a fearsome place! It must be the house of God and the ladder to heaven.’*” Genesis 28:16-17, CEV.

Jacob is a fascinating character, and one whose significance in Biblical history is evidenced by the ten chapters of Genesis that are devoted to telling his story. In this part of the narrative, Jacob, on the run from his brother Esau who wants to kill him, has a dream where he sees angels ascending and descending a sort of stairway. This is the first of several incidents where Jacob acknowledges God’s presence in his life. He responds by consecrating the stone he had used as a pillow, renaming the place Bethel (Hebrew for ‘House of God,’) and declaring it to be a place of worship that his descendants would respect for hundreds of years.

As we prepare to return to worship in our building, are we prepared to acknowledge God’s presence in our lives? Are we willing to respond by giving of our time, our talent, and our treasure to the ministries that are conducted in our ‘Bethel?’ Will we declare, as Jacob did in verse 22, *“This rock will be your house, and I will give back to you a tenth of everything you give me.”*?

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 (as of 8/31/2020)

Income received YTD:	\$284,838
Budgeted Expenses YTD:	\$342,336
Actual Expenses YTD:	\$261,378

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3rd	Mela Eckerman	15th	Audrey Arndt
4th	Jean Dehmer		Sally Wulf
	Steve Swanson		Jered Haase
	Ryan Hanson		Amber Chapman
	Janelle Meyer		Parker Bottolfson
5th	Mark Boyken	16th	Lynnelle Gabriel
6th	Mary Pauley		Jake Campbell
	Nicole Kovar		Ava Gorski
7th	Hunter Robinson	19th	Bill Sheehan
8th	Steve Martell		Greg Rosik
	Scott Hagen		Mack Prokop
	Ryan Carlson	20th	John Solsrud
9th	Tim Kautz		Danielle Annunziata
	Justin Chapman		Reecelyn Demulling
10th	Jack Brust	21st	Philip Kovar
	Russ Lysne	22nd	Kacy Johnson
	Bob Lee	23rd	Bob Meyer
	Sara Carlson	24th	Harry Johns
	Teresa Halstrom		Dick Koehler
	Laura Swanson	25th	Janelle Tolzman
	Garrett Lee	26th	BrenNel Ward
	Olivia Schibel		Benica Rosik
11th	Mary Lou Koosman	27th	Steve Swenson
	Sue Stevenson	30th	Shannon Brice
	Dale Getschel		Derek Martinson
	Andy Willeman	31st	Terrye Succo
12th	Kelli Newman		
	Brett Carlson		
	Keagan Berg		
13th	Joe Kahl		
	Krissy Gregory		



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
Cindy Klotzbach (Linda Ferris' mother)
Chris Nelson (Craig Nelson's brother)
Mary Nelson (Craig Nelson's mother)
RuthAnn North
Ken Peterson (friend of Dick & Rosella Geving's)
Kylie Peterson (Peggy Basham's niece)
Barb Plumley (Ilene Chapman's daughter)
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 Gary Landgren
Family of Margaret Vaala

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

Internship committee

The following members of Peace have committed to walk alongside of Ben Nelson, 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



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and Missions

PUMPKIN PIE SALE

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