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September 2021

Is this Normal?

"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us..." (Psalm 67)

We were hoping that everything would be back to normal by now. We were hoping that every single one of you, our church family, would be busting down our doors and be ready to be back in church. We were hoping that there wouldn't be any cloud of pandemic left in the sky by now. We were hoping to have a great big family reunion on Rally Sunday where we could hug and share a meal and reconnect in a glorious way.

It might not be how we had hoped, but make no mistake, God is at work.

My heart is full when I think about the many ways that God is working in our congregation. This summer alone, children experienced God in amazing ways at a successful VBS. An inspired youth group returned from a life-changing week of serving on a mission trip in Idaho. We made improvements to the outside of our building with new siding and windows. Our online ministry is reaching people we never thought possible, we have new members waiting to join, and visitors attending weekly. We have welcomed a new Intern Pastor (Welcome, Hillary!) and will be the church that helps her grow into her pastoral call. We are fully staffed and have even expanded staffing in the midst of a pandemic. Our staff and our council continues to be incredibly dedicated, talented, and passionate about sharing the love of Jesus with others.

There is much excitement amongst staff and committees of Peace to welcome you back from your summer adventures, and see how God may work in and through us this year!

Rally Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 19th. We plan to be in-person this year for weekly Sunday School, Confirmation, Bible Studies and Worship. We have made provisions for safety within our programs. We will embrace how God has used us this past year to move forward and be open to the Spirit's leading and guiding us as a congregation this year, and we will continue to develop and perfect our online worship experience for those that are only able to join us online.

Please join us how you are able! Oh – and invite a friend, a neighbor, or a co-worker too! Let's "RALLY" together as we gear up for a great year of ministry here at Peace Lutheran Church! Here is the information for Rally Sunday that you won't want to miss out on!

- 8:30am & 10:45am Worship with Communion (10:45am is an abbreviated service)
- 9:35am 10:35am Education Hour & Rally Day Activities for Children
- Register for Sunday School
- Pick up information for upcoming Adult Education opportunities
- Enjoy activities and games with your children...take a bounce in the bounce house!
- Enjoy treats and coffee and fellowship together!

We look forward to a great day spent together as we engage in God's love and community! See you on Rally Day!!

Pastor Melissa

FROM THE OFFICE

Pastoral Duties:

August 1st: Baptism of Emma Jean, daughter of Brittany Goodman & Kyle Paulson

August 8th: Baptism of Isabel Eileen, daughter of Jonathan & Sara Haley

August 8th: Baptism of Jameson John, son of Greg & Hannah Tracy

August 23rd: Funeral of Phyllis Berg

August 29th: Baptism of Isla Rose and Declan David, children of Derek & Chelsea O'Brien

August Attendance:

1st: 94 8th: 95 15th: 84 22nd: 82 29th: 110

Giving in August: Budget/Missions

1st: \$6,711 8th: \$12,014 15th: \$7,832 22nd: \$5,670

Needed each week: \$10,158

Peace Membership!

If you've been visiting Peace and would like to become a member, we will be offering a Membership Class on Sunday, October 17th between services (9:45am) and then New Member Sunday will be on October 24th at the 8:30 am service.



Please let Pat know in the office or talk with Pastor Melissa if you are interested in joining our Peace family!

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Peace Lutheran Church!

My name is Hillary Toulson. I am the new intern here at Peace starting September 1st, 2021. I live in Baldwin, WI with my husband, Sam, 8-year-old daughter, Lillian, 5-year-old son, Oscar, and 20-month-old daughter, Eloise. As a family, we enjoy going on walks, swimming, and getting ice cream. Sam works as a warehouse specialist at Uline in Hudson, WI. Lillian will be in 3rd grade and Oscar will be in kindergarten this year. Both attend Greenfield Elementary in Baldwin. Lillian enjoys dancing. Oscar enjoys imaginative play. Eloise loves anything that her brother does. All three keep Sam and I very busy with activities.

I am a student at Luther Seminary in St. Paul in the Masters of Divinity program. I am seeking ordination in the ELCA in Word and Sacrament. I started seminary part-time in 2017 as a Distributive Learner while keeping my full-time job as a 4th-grade teacher. My internship is an accumulating internship. My current plan is to graduate in May of 2022. After graduation, I will be seeking my first call here in the Northwest Wisconsin Synod in the Fall of 2022.

I taught in the Somerset School District for eleven years as a 4th-grade teacher and as a special education teacher. Prior to that, I taught in Osceola for two years as a special education teacher at the Middle School. I am excited to use my knowledge and skills in education with a new lens of ministry. In my free time, I enjoy kayaking, walking, and reading novels. I hope during internship to pick up some new hobbies including sewing.

Thank you for opening your doors as a congregation to internship candidates. I am excited for all the lessons God has in store for me to learn in this next year. I am grateful for this opportunity to be part of the Peace community. I can't wait to get to know all of you. Thank you for this amazing gift of internship.

God's Blessings, Hillary Toulson

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Help for Haiti

John and Mary Lee raised 2 adopted daughters from Haiti. They also sponsored the girls' older sister, Miquette Denie, in the U.S. for 7 years. Miquette became an R.N., and chose to return to Haiti to help children break the cycle of poverty. She has an amazing website TeacHaiti.org, talking about the Christian schools she has founded. Mary Lee is on TeacHaiti's 9 member board of directors.

On her site, Miquette offers to accept donations to help local people in the earthquake crisis. All donated money will go to food, water, shelter, or medical care for earthquake victims in Port Au Prince. She is a respected local person who sees the need first-hand.

You can donate to this 501c3 (tax deductible) organization by going to the website, clicking 'donate', and choosing 'Earthquake Relief'. Or, you may send a check made out to 'TeacHaiti' to: TeacHaiti, PO Box 1173, Detroit Lakes, MN 56502. In the memo line designate 'disaster relief'. The money sent to Detroit Lakes will be immediately sent to her without processing fees.

Boy's Shorts for Africa

If you see close out prices on boys shorts at the end of the summer, please buy some for boys in Africa. Elastic banded shorts are needed, sizes 4 to 16. No buttons or zippers.

Thank you! Outreach Ministry



Volunteers Needed!

Osceola Open Cupboard Food Shelf -

The coordinator of the Osceola Food Shelf is retiring soon and recently had a meeting to determine how this needed ministry can continue. Pat Adam & Diane Moser attended, representing Peace Church along with several members from other community churches. The main need currently is <u>VOLUNTEERS!</u>

We are looking for <u>2-4 volunteers from Peace</u> to help just 1/2 day a week or every other week on a Wednesday or Thursday. If you feel compelled to help keep this ministry going please talk to Pat in the office.

Adoray Treasures from the Heart store in Osceola is in need of volunteers for: tag and steam clothing, cashiering, stock & creating floor displays, customer service and more!

Proceeds from the Adoray stores help to fund the Adoray Home, Health & Hospice program of the St. Croix Valley. Please call 715-294-4074 for more info or to sign up.

People Loving People (Thrift Store & Food Ministry) in Dresser, has lost their connection for food allocations. They are in real need of non-perishable food donations to distribute to people in our community. Any donation is helpful.

BackPack Program The Open Cupboard in Osceola packs approximately 35 backpacks with non-perishable food for qualifying school children to take home for the weekend. This is to ensure these children have food to eat when the school lunches are not available.

Peace Lutheran has been asked to donate the following items for the backpacks:

- Boxed (pkgs) of Instant Oatmeal
- Tuna (packaged in water-not in cans)

There is a basket on a table in the Narthex labeled for these items.

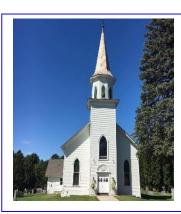
NEWS & EVENTS

PLC Free Clothing Event Monday, September 27th, 2:00-6:00 pm

Save your fall and winter clothing (and shoes & boots) to donate to this event. You may bring items beginning on Sunday, Sept. 19th, which is SS Rally Day!

We will need paper and plastic bags too! Drop them off at the office. Set up is between services on September 26th. We welcome any help setting up that day!!





West Immanuel Lutheran Church Celebrating 150 Years!

Sunday, September 26th 447 180th St., Osceola Service at 10am

Complimentary meal to follow.

All are welcome!

John S. Larson Scholarship Committee.

I am honored to be chosen as a recipient of the Larson Scholarship. I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making this possible. For the second year in a row, this scholarship lightens the financial responsibilities of my studies at St. Cloud State University. I am deeply appreciative of your support!

In Christ, Makena Hollman

Thank you!!

- To Phil & Gail Everhart, Steve & Karrie Swenson, Maria & Morgan Gjovig, Jered Haase, Amy & Ellie Hagen, Susan & Karli Mayer, Interstate Band, Shady & Sam Band and everyone who pitched in at the end of the evening for their part at the Shindig.
- ◆ To Sara Haase for coordinating the Shindig with Intern Ben and allowing the event to be at her venue
- To Kathy Vesperman for the use of her Thrivent grant to help offset costs
- To all the Peace members who attended and enjoyed a social time with us!

MORE NEWS & EVENTS

ALL-AGES FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Holy

Here at Peace, we embrace our "all-ages communion" policy that has been in place for years. Everyone is welcome to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion each and every Sunday. If a child has not received communion by 5th grade, they will do so at that time during their milestone event.

If you would like for your child (PreK-4th grade) to be able to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion each week, there will be a class for all interested children and a parent/guardian on Sunday, October 24th from 10:45am-Noon. Families MUST RSVP for this class. To RSVP, or if you have questions, please contact Pastor Melissa at: pleastor@gmail.com or 715-755-2515.

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Maple Syrup Ministry

Did you know that ANYONE can buy or sell syrup and proceeds from your sales will help you pay for a retreat, trip, or event that you attend with Peace Lutheran Church?

Adults - you can even sell syrup and designate your funds towards a ministry, scholarships, or use it for a class or retreat that you attend! Our syrup will continue to be available for purchase every Sunday between and after Services.



HAM DINNER - OCTOBER 4TH

The annual Ham Dinner of Peace Lutheran Church is back and will be held on Monday, October 4th. Save the Date and start inviting your friends and family to join in for a wonderful night with delicious food.

In-person dining AND to-go orders will be available. Tickets will be available "at the door" (\$10/adults and \$6/kids) and all proceeds will benefit Missions (including the Jamaica Mission Team and Robin's Nest Children's Home in Jamaica)

<u>Guestbook Stand</u>

Our guestbook stand that was in the Narthex was borrowed by someone and has not been returned. If you have it please return or contact Pat in the office. Thanks!



B.L.A.S.T. (Believe, Learn & Seek Truth) 2021-2022 Calendar

September

- 19 Rally Day 9:35 am
- 26 Milestone Bibles PreK & 3rd Grade at 8:30 am Worship
- 27 BLAST @ 9:35 am

October

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 BLAST @ 9:35 am

November

7, 14, 21, 28 BLAST @ 9:35 am

December

- 5 Group practice @ 9:35 am
- 11 Sat. Christmas Program practice @ 9:30-Noon
- 12 BLAST @ 9:35 am
- 12 Christmas Program @ 10:45 am Worship Service
- 19 Christmas Party @ 9:35 am
- 26 Vacation

Dana Paulsen, CYF Director

Email: plcdressercyf@gmail.com

Cell #: 715-553-1451

Children, Youth & Families

Help Wanted:

- * Teachers or helpers with B.L.A.S.T.
- Bitty Book Bunch Leader-this group of pre-schoolers and a parent or grandparent meets 1x/month during the SS hour, for a brief story, craft, & snack. The children get to take home the book that is read.

Talk to Dana if you can help!

Confirmation Leader Meeting

Weds., Sept. 15th at 6:00pm

Confirmation Students-

Save the date-September 22nd at 6:30 pm for Confirmation Kick-off!

PreK & 3rd Grade Parents!

Bibles will be given to the children in those grades on Sunday, September 26th at the 8:30 am service and a Bible Class will be held between services for the kids & parents.

Come and have a B.L.A.S.T. every Sunday at PLC. Register PreK-6th grade. You may register online at: vbs.pro.events/p/ss2021 or in person on Rally Day. Excited to see you all. It will be a BLAST!

Rally Day - is September 19th, 9:35 am

Register for our new Sunday School program called B.L.A.S.T. (Believe, Learn and Seek Truth)

Bouncey House!

Face Painting!

Food & Games!

I'm looking forward to meeting all of you!

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP BEGINS SOON!

Calling all 9th - 12th grade students!! Join us on Wednesday nights this year from 7:00-8:00pm for games, fun, and growing in faith! We begin our year together on <u>Wednesday, September 29th</u> with a Kick-off Event that you won't want to miss!! Invite your friends and join us for a great year where we will laugh, eat, play games, and grow in our relationship with God.

2021 Idaho Mission Team Breakfast Club Beginning September 8th

Bringing our trip back home -Gathering & Bible Study

All High School Youth who attended the Idaho Mission trip this summer are invited to be a part of a monthly breakfast club that will meet once a month throughout the school year. We will kick off this breakfast club on Weds., September 8th at 6:45am at church. Breakfast will be provided and rides will be available to school following Breakfast. Join us once a month for a great breakfast, to grow in your faith, and to see what exciting memories may pop up from our trip together. See you on September 8th!

JAMAICA 2022 TEAM UPDATES:

The Jamaica Mission Trip is a "GO" for March 28-April 4, 2022. We will connect as a team later this fall to begin our trip preparations and team bonding.

Save the date for the Ham Dinner on Monday, October 4th, as this is a fundraiser that the Jamaica Team puts on that helps to raise money for additional project costs (or trip costs if needed).

9th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting 7:00 pm, Sept. 22

9th Graders and parents/guardians can plan to join us for our 9th grade Confirmation Kick-off/Parent night on Weds, September 22nd from 7-8:30pm. Come and hear all about Peace Lutheran University, our 9th grade confirmation program, from 7-7:45pm and stay for the 2022 Mission Trip Informational Meeting for all high school students from 7:45-8:30pm. See you then!

SEE YOU AT THE POLE!

Wednesday, September 22nd, 2021

Join your classmates at the flagpole before school on Wednesday, September 22nd for a time of prayer for your school, your classmates, and your teachers. This is a student led event, and a wonderful way to unite as Christians and use the power of prayer for our schools! Contact your FCA Leaders and see if they are participating in this event, or just grab a few friends and meet at the pole to pray for your teachers, students, and school.

2022 YOUTH MISSION TRIP:

ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN Informational Meeting on Sept. 22nd at 7:45pm

All students in 9th - 12th grade are invited to the 2022 Summer Mission Trip to serve God's people and experience the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minnesota this year! Prior to heading to the Gathering, we will experience Minnesota in fun and exciting ways through serving others.

Come find out more and reserve your spot for this life changing trip on Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:45pm. We will meet in the Sanctuary (right after the 9th grade confirmation parent meeting). A \$100 non-refundable deposit will be required to reserve your spot. (Scholarships available).



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			Intern Hillary begins	7pm-AA		
5 9:00 am Live Stream Worship Install Intern Hillary	6 Labor Day- Office Closed	7 9:00 am Staff Mtg	8 6:45am Youth Break- fast Club 6:00pm CYF 8:00pm Youth	9 7pm-AA	10	11
9:00 am Live Stream Worship	13	14 Staff out of office	15 6 pm Leader Mtg	16 7:00 pm Council Mtg 7pm-AA	17	18
19 8:30 & 10:45 Services. 8:30 am Live Stream Rally Day!! (see pg. 7)	20	21 9am Staff Mtg 2:00 pm Care- giver Support Group	22 6pm 7th/8th Conf. Reg. 7pm 9th grade Conf. Reg. 7:45pm M. Trip	23 7pm-AA	24	25
26 9:00 am Live Stream Worship Set up for Clothing Event	27 2-6pm Fall Free Clothing Event	28 9am Staff Mtg	29 6:30 pm Pizza 7 pm Conf.	30 7pm-AA		

Usher/Lay Reader Schedule

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Sept. 5	9:00 am Usher Reader	Mark Gjovig Maria Gjovig		
Sept. 12	Usher Reader	Pete Peterson Jan Museus		
Sept. 19	Usher Reader	Tom & Linda Moore Kayla Stankowski	Chad Slater Family Michele Merritt	
Sept. 26	Usher Reader	Erik Mayer Family Mary Lee	Chris Chinander Claire Chinander	



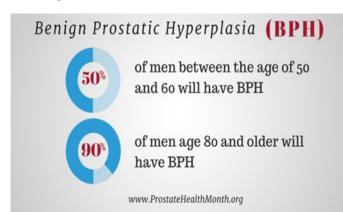
Begin 8:30 and 10:45 services on September 19th

PARISH NURSE NOTES

As I sat down to compose my Tidings page, it was announced that the FDA has granted full approval to Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine. The shot had to clear rigorous testing before it was authorized for emergency use last December, and it's been studied extensively since then. This is more proof that getting the vaccine is safe and not only saves lives, but also prevents physical and emotional exhaustion of our overburdened health care workers and undoubtedly saves money.

Here's another possible warning sign of a progressing type of dementia: *MEMORY LOSS THAT DISRUPTS DAILY LIFE. One of the most common signs of early Dementia is forgetting recently learned information. Others include forgetting important dates or events, asking the same question over and over again, or increasingly needing to rely on memory aids (such as reminder notes) or family members for things the person used to handle on their own. What's a typical age-related change? Sometimes forgetting names or appointments, but remembering them later.

September is Prostate Health Month. BHP -- Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia -- is the



medical term for an enlarged prostate. An enlarged prostate is not cancerous and <u>is the most common</u> prostate health problem among men over 50. The symptoms of BPH may be uncomfortable and may include frequent urination, incomplete emptying of the bladder, a weak urine stream, or difficulty starting urination. BPH is a condition associated with aging, probably due to hormonal changes. Among men over 50, prostate enlargement may continue through the rest of their lives.

In the early phase of prostate enlargement, a man may find it very hard to urinate because the bladder muscle has to work harder to push urine through a narrowing urethra. Over time, the bladder muscle may weaken, so that urine is not completely excreted. Any unusual variation, or difficulty in the pattern of urination, is a red flag that a prostate problem may exist.

Treatment for BPH is strongly recommended for any man whose symptoms interrupt his life. If BPH is left untreated, it can lead to further problems, such as the inability to urinate, urinary tract infections, bladder or kidney damage, bladder stones, and incontinence. Treatment options include watchful waiting/surveillance, drug therapy and surgery. Be sure to have a conversation with your provider if you're suffering from any of the symptoms of BPH.

As we escort out summertime, may it be well with all of you, Karen



1st	Megan Hall	19th	Bennet Kneath
	Rowan Prokop	20 th	Tom Moore
	Griffin Demulling	21st	Otto Ferris
2nd	Clara Hagen	22nd	Gloria Hutton
4th	Addison Warner	23rd	Susan Mayer
	Kara Carlson		Melissa Carmack
5th	Barb Kloetzke	24 th	Martin Tangen
	Ben Peterson		Jeff Hall
6th	Sunday Olson		Erek Gorski
$7 \mathrm{th}$	Magdalen Peer		Caitlyn Vitalis
	Alyssa Chapman	$25 \mathrm{th}$	Keith Herr
8th	Kara Herr		Danielle Bliese
	Aubrey Renslow		Mason Campbell
9th	Natalie Gorres		Ethan Behning
	Cora Renslow		Natalie Behning
10th	Clayton Hanson		Alex Malm
	Erin Martinson	26th	Gail Fox
11th	Roy Bashm	28th	Nancy McElfresh
12th			Bev Johnson
	Karrie Swenson		Cathy Ellefson
13th	Dan Johnson		Keri Campbell
	Olivia Pederson		Nicole Annunziata
15th	Yvonne Swenson	29th	Craig Nelson
	Denise Todd		Stephanie Whittaker
	Patty Willeman		
	Sara Haase		
	Ross Lechman		
17th	Trinity Greenquist		
18th	Jim Rosengren		
	Craig Brunclik		
	Lucy Hahn		

STEWARDSHIP NOTES

"By your great skill in trading you have increased your wealth, and because of your wealth your heart has grown proud." Ezekiel 28:5, New International Version.

This verse is a part of a prophecy against Tyre, the Phoenician capitol. By using the Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar to conquer them, God punished the Phoenicians for celebrating the destruction of Jerusalem. The Phoenicians were very well off, but their pagan culture led them to give themselves, rather than God, the credit for the wealth they had accumulated.

We too have amassed great wealth. Our standard of living is at or near the top of a list of the world's societies. Do we give in to the same temptation to pride and arrogance that snared the Phoenicians? The Psalmist attributes to God the idea that, "every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills." Psalm 50:10. Let's remember that, as Jesus taught His disciples, "...From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." Luke 12:48b.

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.

Note: the Give+ Phone App is changing and will be discontinued at the end of Sept. More info to come soon. A new App will be offered but this may be the time to contact your bank to set up recurring donations.

AUTOMATIC GIVING OPTIONS:

- Contact your bank to set up automatic payments to Peace.
- Use the GIVE+ Phone App
- Complete a Simply Giving form found at the Welcome Center.

Peace Prayer List

This past month we especially prayed for:

Family of Jackie Marmon (Linda Kahl's sister)

Family of Phyllis Berg Family of Betty Miller

Gwen Anderson (Rosella Geving's niece)

Gabriel Berntson (Claire Chinander's nephew)

Ilene Chapman

Cheryl DeMenge (Tim DeMenge's sister in law)

Dick Geving

Chris Gilchrist (Dale & Carol Rhoe's son)

Lee Johnson (Ronda Haley's sister-in-law)

Sharon Johnson (Danielle Nelson's aunt)

Sidney Johnson (Peter Ward's grandfather)

Jim Kirby

Virgil Koehler

Chris Larson

Michelle Lynch

Chris Nelson

Craig & Danielle Nelson

Mary Nelson

Tyler Paulsen (Dana Paulsen's son)

Kylie Peterson (Peggy Basham's niece)

Wendy Sherrard (Sue DeMenge's niece)

Adrian Smith (great nephew of Tim DeMenge)

Duane & Thelma Vanderwerf

Joel Wigstadt (Kathy Clark's nephew)

Jim Wynne, Jr. (Dallas Wynne's cousin)

Serving in the Military: Collin Western

Divine Rehab & Nursing, SCF: Opal Parel

Evergreen Sr. Apartments, Amery: Anita Siltberg

Amery Memory Care, Amery: Pam Teig





Sundays at 9:00 am

Note: Weather permitting –we will meet **EACH SUNDAY OUTSIDE** for **WORSHIP**

Bring a lawn chair if you are able.

Beginning September 19th we will have 2 services 8:30 & 10:45 am with Sunday School from 9:35-10:40 am. Livestream will be at 8:30 am.

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