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News from Peace!

October  2022

Celebrate, Invite & Share

"We need to hear the Gospel every day because we forget it every day." - Martin Luther

Every October, on Reformation Sunday, we remember and celebrate Martin Luther, who showed witness to God's Word and the light of Jesus Christ by standing up against injustices and prejudices. Martin Luther understood the gospel truth that we are saved by grace, through faith (and not our works) (Ephesians 2:8-9), and he boldly proclaimed that truth, which brought about the Protestant Reformation of the church, to which Peace Lutheran is still a part of today.

This year, we celebrate that we are a church that stands together in the Gospel of Christ, stands up against injustices and prejudices and continually accepts all people and grows into the love and grace that Christ has freely given us.

This fall has been a great time at Peace of welcoming the stranger, reaching out to those in need, surrounding our communities with love, and praying for all of God's people. After 3 years of "pandemic-change" with our ministries, we are finally back to what feels like normal, but we are even more renewed and eager. The energy is high as we continue to share God's amazing love that we have been given through Worship, Sunday School, Choir, Wednesday programs, youth programs, community outreach events, bible studies and more! This fall, we have welcomed new families, welcomed back our own church family, and shared God's love in incredible ways.

Well done, Peace Lutheran. THIS is what it means to be church together. This is what it means to be Spirit Led and Grace Fed. My prayer is that we all continue to personally invite others to share in the good things that God is doing through Peace, as the Gospel is shared every day in many ways. THANK YOU for being a part of this incredible mission.

See you in Church!
Pastor Melissa

P.S. Remember to wear red on reformation Sunday, October 30th, as we celebrate this amazing (and free!) Grace and Love that God gives to us.

Sabbatical Update from Pastor Melissa:

I often get asked what I plan to do during my Sabbatical, and while plans are a work in progress, I will be focusing my time away to **Rest, Renew & Reimagine**. Here are some more details:



Rest. I am talking about a rest from the worry and the weight of ministry (though I absolutely love it, it can also be exhausting). I plan to take a break from email, my phone, and social media. I plan to read a book that has nothing to do with ministry, I plan to meal plan and prep freezer meals (something that takes stress out of my life with my family). I plan to take one vacation where I have absolutely no plans going into it.

Renew. I hope to renew my faith, my marriage, my health, and my joy. I was recently asked by a spiritual mentor of mine, "What brings you joy?" My top 3 answers are being with family, being surrounded by nature, and traveling. I feel God's personal presence most when I am engaged in these three things. I hope to renew my commitment to my own personal health so that I can be a better leader. I hope to renew my own faith as I travel to the Holy Land, and I am looking forward to spending time with my husband and kids, as well as spending time in the mountains (nature!) and with family.

Reimagine. I am committing to visiting a minimum of 5 other churches of varying denominations (ELCA and non-ELCA) for insight and inspiration. I hope to get some ideas, spark creativity, and bring back to Peace some fresh perspectives and ideas. I also fully believe that by embracing things that bring me joy, God will work through it all to bring about newness of life, and ideas for Peace!! I also have been accepted into a leadership program called "Leading Well" through the ELCA and the Siebert Foundation. I plan to continue to participate in this program while on Sabbatical.

I have experienced so much care and support from this congregation as I prepare for my sabbatical time away, and I thank you all for your kind and encouraging words, messages, and notes. This truly will be a wonderful experience for US together!

FROM THE OFFICE

Pastoral Duties:

September 18th: Graveside service for Tim Olson

September 20th: Graveside service for Katie Nelson



September Attendance:

4th: 64 11th: 80 18th: 90/38 25th: 107/30

Giving in September (does not include Sept. 25): Budget/Missions

4th: \$5,395 / \$145 **11th:** \$9,253 / \$284 **18th:** \$7,749 / \$65

Other designated giving: \$1,950 One Step Forward (Haiti); \$310 Quilters

Needed each week: \$10,326

Peace Membership!

Are you interested in become a member of Peace? We will be holding a New Member class on November 6th at 9:30am (between services) and will be receiving New Members into the congregation on November 13th. Contact the Church office for more information or to register for this class.

All Ages First Communion Class

Here at Peace, everyone is welcome to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion. If a child has not received communion by 5th grade, they will do so at that time as part of their milestone event. If you would like for your child (of any age!) to be able to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Melissa at plcyouthpastor@gmail.com or 715-755-2515.

Women's Bible Study

Thursday mornings at 10am beginning October 6th. Bring your bible for a study of Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Jamaica Mission Trip Meeting

Are you interested in participating in a mission trip to Jamaica? An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, October 16th for a Spring 2023 Mission Trip. We will meet in-between services (9:30am) in the Library.

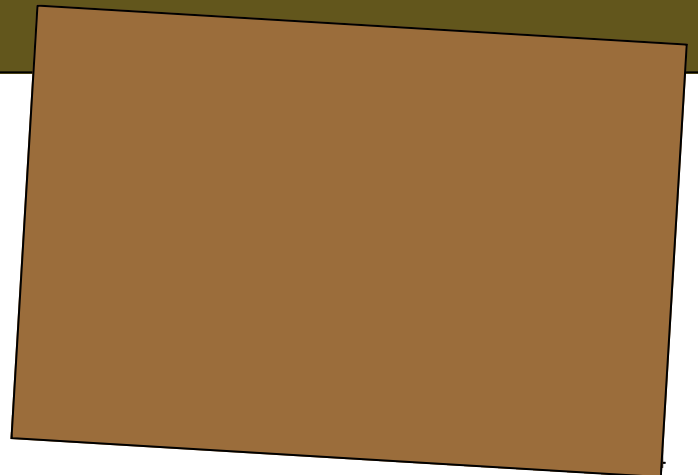
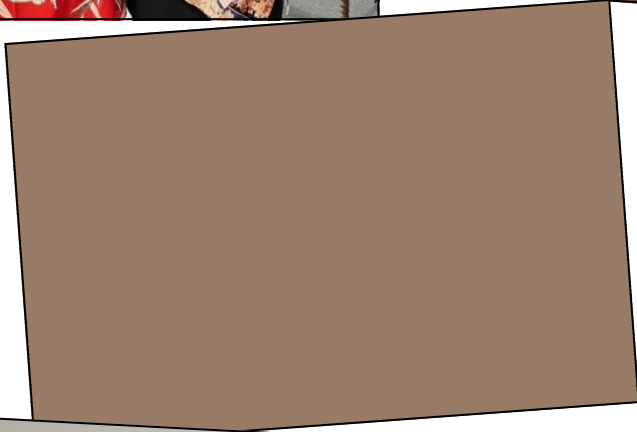
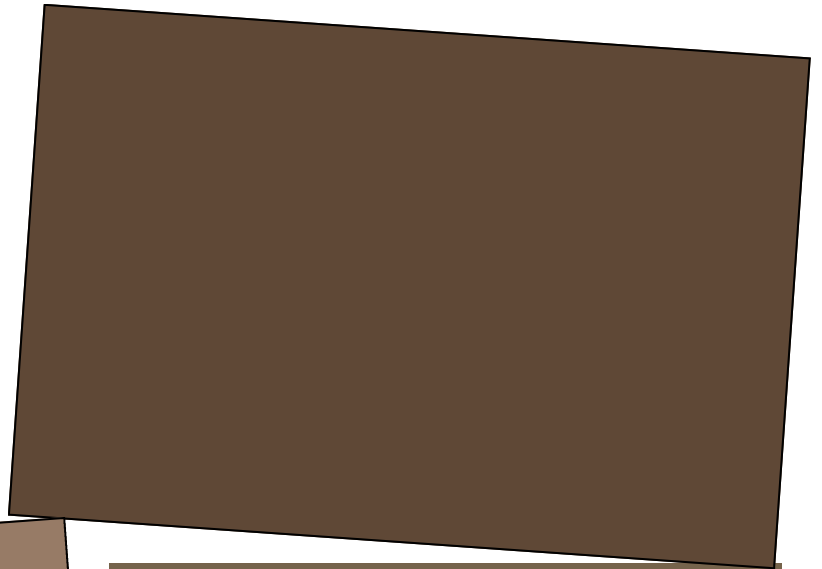
Kwik Trip Cards For Sale

The youth will again be selling Kwik Trip Gift Cards throughout the year (while supplies last) and receive 10% of all sales. You can pick up your \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100 gift card from church or from any youth attending the 2023 Mission Trip. These make great gifts or stock up on them for yourself and know that you are helping the youth of PLC every time you get gas or purchase something in-store.

Reformation Sunday

Our 10th Grade students will be affirming the promises that were made to them on their baptism day on Reformation Day, October 30th at the 10:15am service. We invite congregation members and friends of Peace to worship with us at 8:30am that day for a Reformation Service (wear red!) and/or at 10:15am that day as we celebrate our confirmands. Remember to wear red!

PEACE IN PICTURES!



PLC Sunday School
2022-2023 Calendar

October

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Sunday School @ 9:30 am

9 Sing/Bells at Worship Services
(end of the 8:30 service & the beginning of the 10:15 service)

Please make sure that the children are on time for both performances. The schedule for the morning will be as follows (times are approximate):

- ◆ 9:20 am 1st service performance
- ◆ 9:30-10:15 am Sunday School
- ◆ 10:20 am 2nd service performance (children may leave or stay for the remainder of the 2nd service)

November

6, 13, 20, 27 SS @ 9:35 am

13 Sing/Bells at Worship Services
(same times as October)

Children, Youth & Families

Rally Day Recap...

We had a great time at the Sunday School Rally on September 18. Many familiar friendly faces came for the carnival fun. The kids bounced, played games, laughed, consumed lots of sugar, reconnected with friends and made some new ones.

If you missed the rally, no worries. It is never too late to register. Bring your child(ren) on Sundays at 9:30-10:15 am to join the fun. All kids in grades Pre-K through 6 are always welcome. We currently have 56 kids registered including 6 new families, which is very exciting!

The stewardship committee and Sunday School staff are working together to help our children learn the importance of giving. Each Sunday School child will be receiving their own set of offering envelopes to be used for their weekly Sunday School offering. This is a great way for the children to take ownership of their offering and to practice being intentional in their giving.

Please encourage your child to consider and appreciate the gifts God gives us and the importance of sharing these gifts with others. The Sunday School offerings will be used for a very special mission this year. Look for more information to come.

(See pg. 11 for info on the **Halloween Candy Tithing Challenge!**)

New offerings this year...

JESUS is the greatest SUPERHERO of all time and our kids are pretty SUPER, too! We want to celebrate them, especially on their birthday. We are asking the kids to bring in a special SUPER offering on their birthday (or the Sunday before) that signifies their age (9 dimes or 9 quarters or even 9 dollars on their 9th birthday, etc.). We want the kids to know that they are SUPER special and loved. They will get a special prize and, you never know...maybe a SUPER special visit from someone who has special SUPER powers! Join us to find out who this SUPER person might be.



It's time for **C.H.A.O.S**

Children Hearing About Our Savior

During the month of October, we going to discover how we find CALM in CHAOS. There is no better place to find calm and keep ourselves centered than in the word of God. This is what we have based our whole Sunday School theme on this year...Children Hearing About Our Savior. This is the best kind of CHAOS! It is so great to see the kids enjoying time together in the classrooms again learning about God and His wonderful creations, especially Adam and Eve. Throughout this month, we are going to continue to explore stories from the Old Testament about Adam and Eve, Joseph and his family and we will be introduced to baby Moses.

Youth Programming

***A reminder to all students:** *If either SCF or OHS closes or is cancelled due to Covid19 or inclement weather, church activities will be cancelled as well.*

7th & 8th Grade Programming:

7th & 8th grade Confirmation has begun and we are looking forward to a great year learning about the Bible together. Confirmation meets Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm and the schedule is as follows:

6pm Pizza Dinner (\$3/student), 6:30pm Lg. Group Time, 7pm Small Group Time, 7:30pm End

If you missed the informational meeting on Wednesday, September 21st, or have not yet registered your student for this program, please contact the church office or Pastor Melissa ASAP.

9th Grade Confirmation

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) many Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00pm (pizza dinner available at 6:30pm for \$3/person), while choosing other "elective" courses or activities other weeks.

(Parents: Detailed information was given out and discussed at the Parent Meeting on Sept. 21st. Please contact Pastor Melissa if you were unable to attend the meeting or would like to learn more). We look forward to this opportunity and way of learning for our 9th grade students.

2023 Youth Mission Trip:

Tennessee & Appalachian Mountains

Deposits and registration forms are due on
Weds., Oct. 5th

All students entering 9th - 12th grade are invited to the 2023 Summer Mission Trip to serve God's people in the Cumberland Mountain Community (Southeast Section of the Appalachia Mountain Range in Tennessee) through working with children & minor home repair.

A non-refundable \$100 deposit is required to reserve your spot. Scholarships are available and spaces are limited.

10th - 12th Grade

In-Person YOUTH GROUP meets every Wednesday night at the church (7:00-8:00pm). Certain weeks, you will have an opportunity to dig deeper into some faith-based discussions while meeting with only 10th - 12th graders.

Clear your schedules for Wednesday nights and invite your friends to join in the fun!

*Join us on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00pm!
(Also - Pizza dinner is available each
Weds., evening at 6:30pm for \$3/person)*

10th Grade Confirmation Important Dates

Oct. 9th - Day Retreat at Luther Point
Bible Camp

Oct. 26th - Confirmation Rehearsal,
Pictures & Faith Projects Due!

Oct. 30th - Confirmation Day @ 10:15am

MN Mission Team Reunion Breakfast Club

*Bringing our trip back home -
Gathering & Bible Study*

All mission trip students who attended last summer's Minnesota Mission Trip are invited to join us as we answer "Can we Ask that??" (the answer is yes!!) and look at hard topics in our life and in faith.

Weds., October 12th @ 6:45am - at Church
Weds., October 26th @ 6:45am - Caribou
Coffee in Osceola

To receive weekly information and any last minute updates about youth group, make sure that you are signed up to receive our Remind Texts. (Contact Pastor Melissa to be added to the correct group). Parents - you are also welcome to join the remind texts for updates and information.

Looking forward to a great year of High School Ministry Together!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30 & 10:15am Worship Services 9:30am SS, Choir	3 4:30-6:30pm Ham Dinner	4 9:00 am Staff Mtg	5 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Conf. 7pm HS Youth	6 10am Women's Bible Study 7pm-AA	7	8
9 8:30 & 10:15am Worship 9:30-SS, Choir	10	11 9:00 am Staff Mtg	12 6:45am Breakfast Club 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm	13 10am Women's Bible Study 7pm-AA	14	15
16 8:30 & 10:15am Worship 9:30-SS, Choir, Jamaica Trip Mtg	17	18 9:00 am Staff Mtg 2pm Care-giver Group	19 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Conf. 7pm HS Youth	20 10am Women's Bible Study 7pm Council Mtg	21	22 Staff / Council Visioning Retreat
23 8:30 & 10:15am Worship 9:30-SS, Choir	24	25 9am Staff Mtg 1:30pm Rachael Circle	26 6:45am Breakfast Club 10am Men's Bible Study 6pm Conf., 7pm HS	27 10am Women's Bible Study 7pm-AA	28	29
30 8:30 Worship 10:15 Confirmation Service, 9:30-SS, Choir	31		Pastor Melissa's Sermon Series: October 2, 9, 16 <i>"Three Prayers that Don't Work"</i>			

Usher/Lay Reader Schedule

		<u>Usher</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
Oct. 2	8:30	Dick Blattner	Jan Museus	Leevi Berg
	10:15	Pete Peterson	Kayla Stankowski	Brody Mayer
Oct. 9	8:30	Steve Swenson	Karrie Swenson	Isaac Tate
	10:15	Chad Slater family	Anne Miller Solsrud	Charlie Kaiser
Oct. 16	8:30	Tom & Linda Moore	Mary Lee	Alex Willeman
	10:15	Gene Jaremczuk	Michele Merritt	Jackson Scholz
Oct. 23	8:30	Mark Gjovig	Maria Gjovig	Isaiah Tate
	10:15	Chris Chinander	Claire Chinander	Elijah Larson
Oct. 30	8:30	Paul Lindholm	Gene Jaremczuk	Ethan Guilfoile
	10:15	Confirmation Service		

PARISH NURSE NOTES

Fall has arrived -- the trees are just starting to turn color and our temperatures are on their way down. You know what else happens with the fall season? Yes...pumpkin spice and Halloween yard decorations, but I'm talkin' it's the start of FLU SEASON! And now is the right time to make arrangements to get a **seasonal flu vaccine**. You can call your clinic, inquire at your pharmacy, or sign up for a vaccine through the Polk County Health Department (call them at 715-485-8400.) Remember, if you are over 65 years of age, it's recommended you get the High-Dose Flu vaccine. All others (18 years and older) should receive the Standard Flu vaccine. And this year, the CDC has approved receiving COVID boosters and flu vaccines on the same day! It couldn't be easier to keep yourself and those around you healthy. Presently there is a supply chain issue with getting the Moderna booster, but the FDA has approved getting a Pfizer booster no matter what type of COVID vaccine a person has previously had. So it's fine to get boosted with Pfizer even if you previously had Moderna or the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. (As of this writing, I was told that there may be some doses of Moderna at the Lindstrom Clinic (St. Croix Health) or at the Walgreens in Forest Lake, but I recommend calling ahead to ascertain if that is still the case.) Staying on top of illness prevention is always important no matter what the season!

You know the scenario all too well...you're in your bedroom and the phone rings so you hustle to get to the kitchen to answer it only to discover it's another dreaded Robocall! The Wisconsin Do Not Call program is helpful for reducing (not totally stopping) unsolicited telemarketing calls and text messages. Getting your landline and cell phone numbers on the Wisconsin Do Not Call Registry is free and available to residential phone customers in Wisconsin. Sign up for the Do Not Call Registry at **NoCall.Wisconsin.gov** or by calling **1-888-382-1222**. *You must call from the telephone number you wish to register.*

Perhaps at some point you or someone you know were in need of some type of help or services but just didn't know where to find it. **Polk County Community Services Division** is comprised of the following departments: Behavioral Health, Economic Support, the Department of Children & Families and Public Health. These are important services that help with everything from disease prevention to help for those experiencing substance abuse and/or mental health condition to assistance with home heating costs. And there's a Community Services Navigator who oversees these programs and can help connect you with the right resources and support. Her name is Shauna Colacci and she can be reached by emailing shauna.colacci@polkcountywi.gov. Shauna is also trained to assist people in filling out eligibility and enrollment forms and direct them to what benefits are available to them. Please share this info with someone needing help.

In a world which seems to be in perpetual turmoil, let us not forget to thank God for the many ways we are truly blessed,

Karen



1st	Hailee Mierow	10th	Bob Lee	15th	Amber Chapman
3rd	Mela Eckerman		Sara Carlson		Parker Bottolfson
4th	Jean Dehmer	10th	Teresa Halstrom	16th	Jacob Hall
	Ryan Hanson		Laura Swanson		Ava Gorski
	Elizabeth Link		Garrett Lee	19th	Bill Sheehan
	Janelle Meyer		Olivia Schiebel		Greg Rosik
5th	Mark Boyken	11th	MaryLou Koosman	19th	Macklin Prokop
	Suzi Orlopp		Sue Stevenson	20th	John Solsrud
6th	Mary Pauley		Dale Getschel		Reecelyn Demulling
	Nicole Kovar		Andy Willeman		Genevieve Hill
7th	Hunter Robinson	12th	Kelli Newman	21st	Philip Kovar
8th	Steve Martell		Brett Carlson	22nd	Kacy Johnson
	Scott Hagen		Keagan Berg	24th	Dick Koehler
9th	Tim Kautz	13th	Joe Kahl	25th	Janelle Tolzman
	Justin Chapman		Krissy Gregory	26th	BrenNel Ward
	Olivia Hill	15th	Audrey Arndt		Benica Rosik
	Jovi Schrock		Sally Wulf	27th	Steve Swenson
10th	Jack Brust		Jered Haase	30th	Shannon Brice
	Russ Lysne				Derek Martinson
				31st	Terrye Succo



TeacHaiti Student Sponsorships

The Mission Outreach Committee at Peace Lutheran set a goal for the congregation to raise funds during September to sponsor a child through the non-profit organization, TeacHaiti, to attend school in Port au Prince, Haiti. The cost for each annual sponsorship is \$500. This covers instruction, uniforms, books and two meals a day for each student.

I am overwhelmed by the benevolence and generosity of this congregation. I can report to you that we have raised enough funds to send six children to school in Port au Prince this school year. The impact that this congregation is having on the lives of these young students is beyond measure. Visit TeacHaiti.org to read more about the schools and the students that are served by this organization.

Due to the current unrest in the streets in Port as Prince, the school principal was not able to safely get to his computer at the school in the last few days to send us the pictures of our six students. We will be receiving the pictures in the next few weeks. As soon as we receive them, they will be shared with the congregation.

With deepest thanks, Mary Lee

Technology Update

We are beginning our transition to the new sound booth area. You will notice the difference in the video angles that we are able to provide and some other minor changes with our on screen graphics. Dallas and I have been and will continue being busy getting the new technology synced and ready to go. Dallas is a great asset to Peace. Thank you Dallas!

Are you able to lay the carpet in the new sound booth? We have the carpet in stock, but the carpet layer is unable to lay the carpet until December. If you have any experience and would like to take this project on, it is a small floor and a couple of steps. Please let Larry Carlson know.

I want to say thank you to those who have volunteered faithfully over the past year in the sound booth: Dallas, Justin, Abby, Dawn, Mason and any one else who has stepped in to the sound booth. You are appreciated!

We are still looking for people of all ages who may be interested in learning the new equipment. If you or your child has an interest, please reach out. We are simplifying the system with all our new equipment, even though it may not look that way.

All ages are welcome!



New camera angles from sound booth!

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 on Sundays between and after services.



STEWARDSHIP NOTES

“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot.....So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’” Revelation 3:15-17a, New International Version.

John’s Revelation on the island of Patmos included these instructions intended for the church in Laodicea, a city in Asia Minor known for its wealth. Laodicea, though, suffered from a lack of a reliable water source and therefore had to procure water from a nearby city that featured curative hot springs. However, by the time the water arrived in Laodicea via viaduct, it was neither hot enough to cure nor cool enough to refresh. The Laodicean church, according to John’s Revelation, reflected this lukewarm quality, as evidenced by their reliance on earthly wealth.

It's easy for us to fall into the same trap the Laodiceans did when we value earthly possessions and time more highly than the Heavenly treasure to which God calls us. We will do well to heed the instructions given to John in verse 18a: “I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich.”

See you next month!



HALLOWEEN CANDY TITHE CHALLENGE

Parents-would you like a hands-on way to teach your kids about stewardship? And also get rid of some of that candy your kids will come home with on Halloween? We have the perfect solution: Candy Tithe!

After the Halloween Trick-or-Treating, have your kids count out their candy into two piles. Counting to ten, put the first piece of candy in one pile, and the next 9 pieces of candy in another pile. Repeat until you've counted it all, then stand back and take a look: in the first pile - you have a tithe - or 10% of the gifts that were given.

Bring your candy tithe to church on Sunday, November 6. The candy will be distributed to college students, people in the armed forces, nursing homes and homebound.

ESTIMATE OF GIVING CONSECRATION

We thank you for your generous acceptance of stewardship and pray you may find the level of giving that is right for you as you progress in your journey of faith and commitment. Your pledges and contributions are a critical part of how we can make a difference in our church, our community, and our world.

In mid-October, the quarterly giving statements will be sent out. Included with that statement will be some information from the Stewardship Ministry. Please read this and prayerfully discern what you and your family can give to Peace, in monetary donations and time & talents in 2023.



Worship SCHEDULE

Sundays at 8:30 & 10:15am

Sunday School from 9:30-10:15 am.

Livestream is at 8:30 am.

HAM DINNER

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3
4:30PM -6:30PM**

**Dine In or Take-Out
\$10 adults-\$5 kids**

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