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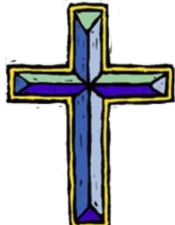
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# News from Peace!

June  2021

What's next?

Today is the day that we lifted our mask mandate. I am writing this article on Sunday afternoon, and just this morning, we announced the news during worship that we will be following the recommendations of the current CDC guidelines and no longer *require* masks. As Intern Pastor Ben was finishing up the announcement, many people happily removed their masks, many people happily kept them on, and there was applause.

There's something about this current recommendation that is freeing. I don't know, maybe it's after 16+ months of being given orders and hearing conflicting data, we are finally in a place where we are content. We seemingly have a light at the end of the tunnel. We have the knowledge and experience of what we need to do to feel comfortable and safe, and we can do it all together, without division, while respecting and truly understanding where each of us is coming from.

While I know that we aren't out of this pandemic quite yet, I do know that, in many ways, this past 16+ months has brought us closer as a church, has opened some incredible opportunities and new ways for us to reach people and do ministry, and has proven that we are a church that cares for each other, loves one another, and is passionate about spreading God's love in all that we do.

So, what's next? Where do we go from here? Well, for one, we will continue to love our neighbor, fight for justice, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8), as God is calling us to do. We will continue to be a welcoming church both in-person and online (see article on the following page) for updates regarding our online services!). We will continue to let the Holy Spirit lead us, guide us, and challenge us to be God's church in our communities. And most importantly, we will continue to live into the promises of God: that we are named and claimed by Him, loved without limits, forgiven by His Grace, and called to share that Good News with the world.

Blessed by Him and Blessed by You,

Pastor Melissa



**All-Church Jamaica Mission Trips Update:**

We have a few openings for March 2022 Jamaica Mission Trip. Contact Pastor Melissa if you are interested in attending this intergenerational mission trip.

## Online Worship: A big Need...a Big opportunity!! (We need your help.)

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One (of the many) things that we know God has been a part of here at Peace over these past several months is redefining how we worship together and how we provide worship experiences both in-person and online.

While we are excited to get as many people as we can back in the building, we also know that an online worship service is necessary and is here to stay. The time has come when we need to move to “live-streaming” our Sunday morning services, rather than pre-recording them, as we have been doing.

The council of Peace Lutheran has recently approved for us to begin fundraising to make this happen. In order to have the capabilities to do this, we need to raise approximately \$20,000 for the necessary equipment, capable broadband, and new wiring throughout the sanctuary. If you have enjoyed or benefited from our online worship services since they began, we ask that you prayerfully consider being a part of this mission and donate towards these initial expenses.

As we begin to move in this direction, here is what we need:

- ◆ Volunteers. We will be seeking 5+ individuals and/or families to be trained in on the cameras and be on a rotation to video record the live service each week. We also will be forming a new Media Ministry Team to work with Tammy, our Media Director, and oversee this ministry.
- ◆ Donations. We need to raise approximately \$20,000 total. Once we have \$12,000 of this raised, we can begin installing necessary equipment. *\$1,000 has already been pledged and we have received \$5,000 in matching funds to be met by August 1st.*
- ◆ Grace and Patience. This will be a work in progress for awhile and we will continually learn and “get better” as we go.

Please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this exciting opportunity that we have and contact Pastor Melissa, Tammy (Director of Media and Communications), or any council member for further questions and information.



**\$5,000 MATCHING FUNDS**  
to be met by August 1st!  
See details above

**Pastoral Duties:**

May 2nd: Baptism of Hannah Catherine, daughter of Dan & Paige Hustad

May 8th: Marriage of Bernie Waddick & Maxine Spiess

May 9th: Baptism of Lana Grace, daughter of Matt & Becky Miller



**May Attendance:**

2nd: 84/50 9th: 97/26 16th: 50/15 23rd: 54/26 30th:

*Thank you!*

- ◆ To Rachel Circle for the monetary donation to ship the Little Dresses for Africa
- ◆ To Pat Kirby for the roll of batting for the quilters use as lining in quilts
- ◆ To Lake Kountry for the beautiful live trees in the sanctuary and the flowers in the outside planters
- ◆ To Lindstrom Bakery for the cupcakes for our graduating seniors
- ◆ To all that helped in any way with the Cinco de Mayo meal to go. Whether it was in the preparation, serving, monetary donation or purchasing meals-THANK YOU!

**SEWING DAY AT PEACE!**  
**Sat., June 26, 9:00am-Noon**  
 A light lunch will be served.  
 No sewing skill required-several other tasks available to do to get our quilting materials & supplies ready.  
 If you can sew quilt edges we have two sewing machines at Peace.  
 Please rsvp to Diane Lechman, 715-483-9791

We just want to thank everyone at Peace who has helped us since Chris began cancer treatment. The Meal Train and the encouraging cards and gifts we have received in the mail have made a pretty difficult time just a little bit easier.

We are blessed to be a part of such a kind and caring church family. Thank you all so much. Sincerely, Chris & Sara Larson family

Thank you so much to everyone who sent cards or called me for my 95th birthday in January. I received soooo many beautiful cards and well wishes and it made me so happy to hear from members of Peace. I appreciate the thoughtfulness. Dorothy Lindholm

(Editor's note: above note was inadvertently misplaced and not printed in earlier newsletter.)

<b>Usher/Lay Reader Schedule 9:00 am Services</b>		
	<u><b>Usher</b></u>	<u><b>Reader</b></u>
June 6th	Paul Lindholm	Pat Kirby
June 13th	Eric & Brody Mayer	Kayla Stankowski
June 20th	Steve & Karrie Swenson	Karrie Swenson
June 27th	Chad Slater family	Jan Museus
July 4th	Mark Gjovig	Maria Gjovig
July 11th	Tom & Linda Moore	Michele Merritt
July 18th	Chris Chinander	Claire Chinander
July 25th	Dick Blattner	Gene Jaremzcuk

**C**hildren

**Y**outh &

**F**amilies

**YOU ARE WANTED!!**

Do you like to work with youth or help with snacks and meals?

Do you like to lead singing, crafts, games or stories?

Would you like to be a leader of our amazing Peace Lutheran Youth?

Volunteers are needed for VBS, Sunday school and youth events.

Please contact Dana at [plcdressercyf@gmail.com](mailto:plcdressercyf@gmail.com)

**Luther Point Bible Camp Sign Up**

Camp forms are available for children, youth and families. This is a great opportunity to be in a place that loves God and where you can make lifelong friendships!

Peace Education Ministry is offering Scholarships for Peace members who attend camp. \$100 for full week camp and \$50 for half week camp.

**Sunday School**

In-person Sunday School will begin this fall. I am looking forward to meeting all of you. More info to come.

**SAVE THE DATE! August 2nd-5th**

**VBS Coming Soon!!**

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith filled adventure kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's up and downs!

Come and create everlasting friendships through faith!!

**Join us at Peace Lutheran Church**

**Monday August 2 - 5th**

**5-7:30 p.m.**

**Dinner is provided**

Registration is open now.

Paper registration is available by Welcome Center station in the Narthex.

Ages PreK - 6th grade

Any questions please email Dana at: [plcdressercyf@gmail.com](mailto:plcdressercyf@gmail.com)

Attention all who have finished 5th grade - 8th grade

**CHRIST JAM** is in person!!!

July 24th in Grantsburg at Luther Point

Cost is only \$55.00 per person

Bring a friend!

"We are so excited to see you all IN-PERSON for Christ Jam 2021 this summer!! Our theme this year is "Under Construction" and, together, we will reconnect with each other and build relationships - with one another and with Jesus - as we enjoy a day in the beautiful outdoors. Can't wait to see you there!" Please email Dana if you are interested in attending.

## High School Youth

### **IDAHO MISSION TRIP**

If you are attending the Idaho mission trip, make sure you have these important dates on your calendar:

- ◆ Team Send-off: Sunday, June 13th @ 9am during worship
- ◆ Final Trip Meeting (Students and at least 1 parent): Sunday, June 13th @ 10am (after send-off)
- ◆ Idaho Mission Team Leads Worship: Sunday, July 11, 2021 @ 9am

### **Prayer Send off for High School Tennessee Trip: Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

We've been planning, quarantining, vaccinating, and fundraising throughout this past year and the time is finally here! 29 youth and adults from Peace Lutheran will be traveling to Idaho to engage in Mission work and participate in high adventure activities with Idaho Servant Adventures. Join us on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at the 9am worship as we send off this team during worship! Please pray for the team as they travel and experience God and grow in their faith through this opportunity! Mission Trip dates are June 18-27, 2021.

Please Keep this team in your prayers:

Trey Anderson	Paetyynn Bliese	Connor Brown
Jacob DeFoe	Kieran DeFoe	Jackson Dvorak
Troy Dvorak	Lincoln Ferris	Henry Germain
Morgan Gjovig	Selah Greenquist	Ethan Hall
Megan Hall	Kacy Johnson	Brianna Lee
Aaliyah Lopez	Alivia Maki	Grace Owen
Bekah Robinson	Lilly Root	Olivia Schiebel
Jadie Simpkins	Garrett Slater	Mari Swanson

Adults: Chad Slater, Trisha Slater, Nate Ferris, Becky Anderson, Pastor Melissa


**\*\*Come hear about the Idaho Mission trip on July 11th as Youth share their stories & experiences during worship\*\***

### **A Huge Thanks to all our Leaders & Volunteers!**

Thank you to all the youth and adults who helped make Youth Group and Youth Programs great this year!! If you have helped with the weekly programs of youth this year, we want to say THANK YOU! You are appreciated more than you know!

### **Idaho High School Summer Mission Trip...Upcoming Dates!**

- ◆ June 4th- 5th - Garage Sale Fundraiser
- ◆ June 13th - Blessing & Send off (9am), Final Meeting with Parents (10am), Final Training Session (Students only) (11am-1pm).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 8am-7pm Garage Sale	5 8am-1pm Garage Sale
6 9:00 am In-Person Worship	7 7:00 pm Internship Mtg	8 9 am Staff Mtg	9	10 7pm-AA	11	12
13 9:00 am In-Person Worship Mission Trip Send Off	14	15 9 am Staff Mtg 2 pm Caregiver Support Group	16 6:00pm CYF 8:00pm Youth Ministry Mtg	17 7:00 pm Council Mtg 7pm-AA	18 Mission Trip departs	19
20 9:00 am In-Person Worship	21	22 9 am Staff Mtg 1:30 Rachael Circle	23	24 7pm-AA	25	26 9-Noon Sewing Day @ Peace See pg. 4
27 9:00 am Out- door Worship M.Trip Returns	28	29 Staff out of office	30			

8:00am Online Youtube Worship available every Sunday!

The 4th Sunday of June, July & August will be outside on the front lawn (weather allowing).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7pm-AA	2	3
4 9:00 am In-Person Worship	5 7 pm Internship Mtg	6 9 am Staff Mtg	7	8 7pm-AA	9	10
11 9:00 am In-Person Worship Idaho Mission Trip Report	12	13 9:am Staff Mtg	14 6:00pm CYF 8:00pm Youth Ministry Mtg	15 7:00 pm Council Mtg 7pm-AA	16	17 11am Bruce Swenson Memorial
18 9:00 am In-Person Worship	19	20 9 am Staff Mtg 2 pm Caregiver Support Group	21	22 7pm-AA	23	24
25 9:00 am Outdoor Worship	26	27 9 am Staff Mtg 1:30 pm Rachael Circle	28	29 7pm-AA	30	31

# PARISH NURSE NOTES

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On May 12<sup>th</sup>, our state expanded COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to adolescents, meaning anyone age 12 and older can now get protection against coronavirus through vaccination. At this time the Pfizer vaccine is the only vaccine available for use on those who are under the age of 18. Now's the time to get many more of our young people vaccinated so by the start of school in the fall, traditional classroom learning (and other activities) can be a reality. If you've been putting off getting vaccinated, there are Polk County pop-up clinics now happening outside of businesses and in store parking lots. And the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine is back and being offered to those 18 and older at these venues. Check the Polk Co Health Department web site for the summer vaccine schedule.

As our church continues to enjoy more liberties when it comes to gathering, know that there are a few changes **kitchen workers** should know about. I just purchased a box of both medium and large vinyl gloves; please wear these while handling/serving food. In addition, we will be getting a body fluid clean-up kit (which is mandated by the health department) to be used if there are any accidents caused by acute illness or injury. I'll also be restocking the first-aid kit that resides to the left of the ovens. Good things to know if you're helping out in the kitchen.

**JUNE IS BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH.** Do you find yourself sometimes forgetting someone's name you've known for a while or misplacing something important? When that happens, do you joke about (or seriously worry about) getting dementia or Alzheimer's disease? We all forget things as we grow older, but how does one know if these lapses are normal or the beginning of something to be concerned about? In upcoming **Tidings** publications, I'll touch on what's "normal" aging behavior and when things could be more concerning.

\*CONFUSION WITH TIME OR PLACE. People living with dementia can lose track of dates, seasons and the passage of time. They may have trouble understanding something if it is not happening immediately. Sometimes they may forget where they are or how they got there. **What's a typical age-related change?** Getting confused about the day of the week, but figuring it out later.

\*DECREASED OR POOR JUDGMENT. Individuals may experience changes in judgment or decision-making. For example, they may use poor judgment when dealing with money, or pay less attention to grooming or keeping themselves clean. **What's a typical age-related change?** Making a bad decision once in a while, like neglecting to change the oil in the car.

I'd like to remind everyone that part of my job as your parish nurse is to help individuals with foot and toenail care. Please keep me in mind if it's becoming very difficult for you to reach your toes with a nail clipper. I'd be happy to help you with this, especially now that summer is around the corner and those little piggies may be spending more time in sandals!

May you pause to appreciate the simple joy of gathering with others this summer,

*Karen*



# ★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

2nd Julia Bottolfson  
 3rd Sean Burrows  
 4th Bev Kobs  
 Linda Kahl  
 Macey McNitt  
 5th Steve Bystrom  
 Karen Hale  
 6th Mary Smith  
 Mack Hagen  
 7th Matt Brice  
 Michael O'Connor  
 8th Dale Rhoe  
 James Maypark  
 Camryn Maypark  
 Eva Gonzalez  
 9th Phil Everhart  
 Lori Kromrey  
 Angie Gorski  
 10th Greg Guggisberg  
 12th Carson Hollman  
 Ilie Jensen  
 13th Judy Carlson  
 Lisa Robinson  
 Ellen Brice  
 Abby Tolzman  
 15th Joe Berg  
 16th Declan Greenquist  
 Jaxson Tinney  
 17th Bruce Plomski  
 18th Eddie Fehlen  
 Kylie Thompson  
 19th Lisa LaMirande  
 Dan Newman  
 Ethan Stephansen  
 20th Sharon Wampfler  
 Bode Gabriel  
 21st Evan Gorres  
 Henry Thanig  
 22nd Becky Olson  
 23rd Jackie Berg  
 24th Nate Ferris

25th Rose Swanson  
 26th Orlin Ellefson  
 Diane Lysne  
 Dawn Western  
 Kailey Ekstrom  
 27th Chris Chinander  
 Mary Flood  
 30th Mark Swenson  
 Willa Brown

## JULY BIRTHDAYS!

1st Carl Busby  
 Jeff Cronick  
 2nd Pat Lones  
 Larry Benitz  
 Dave Berg  
 3rd Jackson Baillargeon  
 Samuel Thanig  
 4th Bobbi Blattner  
 Louise Dyrbye  
 Anne Miller  
 5th Bryan Raddatz  
 Jerry Kolve  
 6th Dick Museus  
 7th Sandy Ball  
 8th Paul Smith  
 Isaac Tate  
 Isaiah Tate  
 9th Kayla Stankowski  
 Madison Paulsen  
 10th Janice Johnson  
 Luke Haase  
 11th Katie Raddatz  
 Rachel Kautz  
 Lauren Kromrey  
 12th Stacy Busick  
 Jacob DeFoe  
 Kieran DeFoe  
 Leyla Kromrey  
 Emily Jeske

13th Sue DeMenge  
 Aaron Hartman  
 Mitchell Strege  
 14th Tawnya Koenig  
 Ethan Guilfoille  
 Josilyn Walstead  
 17th Ryan Rondeau  
 18th Mike DeFoe  
 Jim Olson  
 Katelyn Haase  
 Sydney Peterson  
 20th Mary Larson  
 21st Thelma Vanderwerf  
 Ken Stensven  
 Gretchen Larson  
 22nd Michon Harelson  
 Maddie Link  
 Blake Slater  
 Aaron Steele  
 23rd Adam Solsrud  
 Bella Brown  
 25th Marilyn Tretsven  
 Carol Rhoe  
 Jenna Rondeau  
 Timothy Lundeen  
 26th Betty Miller  
 Angie Gorres  
 Matt Lechman  
 Lincoln Ferris  
 Wyatt martinson  
 27th Sawyer Brice  
 28th Diane Moser  
 Kris Swanson  
 Matthew Ward  
 29th Mike Lee  
 30th Katie Nelson  
 Vern Rondeau  
 Terry Bjornstad  
 Eric Mayer  
 Callie Whittaker  
 Clayton Whittaker

## Peace Prayer List

*-this month we especially prayed for:*

Gwen Anderson (Rosella Geving's niece)  
Dorothy Bishop (Mary Cotch's mother)  
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  
Dolly Ladd  
Chris Larson  
Michelle Lynch  
Chris Nelson (Craig Nelson's brother)  
Craig Nelson  
Mary Nelson (Craig Nelson's mother)  
Kylie Peterson (Peggy Basham's niece)  
Bev Rawlings  
Bonnie Schmitt  
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  
Hearthside Assisted Living/CCH: Shirley Plomski  
Evergreen Sr. Apartments, Amery: Anita Siltberg  
Amery Memory Care, Amery: Pam Teig  
CCH, Osceola: Phyllis Berg, Dee Larsen



# STEWARDSHIP NOTES

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*“And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows you need them. But seek His kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.” Luke 12:29-31, NIV.*

Jesus includes this idea in a rather lengthy response to a man who wanted Jesus to arbitrate a dispute the man was having with his brother concerning an inheritance. Jesus uses a parable and other teachings to convince the man--and us—that giving wealth a lower priority will result in happier, stress-free, contented lives.

Our society spends billions of dollars every year to contradict this teaching by convincing us that we need more of the world’s goods to live happy, fulfilled lives. May God grant us strength and wisdom focus on God’s grace and abundance instead. As Oprah Winfrey put it, “Be thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you’ll never have enough.”

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.

## **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.

## **GIVE+ Phone App:**

Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" and download for FREE!

- 1) Search for & select Peace Lutheran Church, Dresser, WI
- 2) Tap Donate Now and follow prompts



We are open for in-person worship on Sundays. Our church council has voted to follow CDC guidelines. Masks are encouraged for those who are not yet vaccinated or if it makes you feel more comfortable. Those who have been vaccinated are not required to wear a mask for worship.

### **Maple Syrup Ministry**

Members of Peace Lutheran spent many hours this spring collecting the sap, and now our syrup is ready to be sold! If you would like to purchase syrup, it is always available in the church office and on Sunday Mornings in the Narthex (outside of the sanctuary). All proceeds benefit youth, missions & families of Peace!

### **Annual Garage Sale June 4th 8am-7pm and June 5th 8am-1pm**

Come and shop! So many great items have been donated. All proceeds for Mission Trips!

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