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News from Peace!

September  2022

Why Rally Day??

Dear Friends of Peace,

It's rally time!!! You've heard this term thrown around each and every year in September as we get ready to kick off our program year here at Peace, but what does Rally Sunday mean, anyway? Isn't it just for the kids?

The answer is no! Rally Sunday is for everyone!! The term "Rally" is both a verb AND a noun, meaning "to draw or call together for a common purpose" and "a renewal of energy in joint action".

As you can see, the term "rally" isn't liturgical or referring to a certain season of the church year, but it certainly is a good term to use in conjunction with Jesus. Jesus was a "rally" kind of guy! We can hear some rallying words from Jesus, from the paraphrased version of The Message Bible when Jesus says, 'Love the Lord your God with all your passion and your prayer and intelligence.' This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.'" (Matthew 22:37-40)

Come the end of summer, we need "a renewal of energy" when it comes to spiritual matters. It's hard to renew your energy on your own. But it's much easier in a group. That is why we set aside one special day at the end of the summer to "rally"-to "draw together for a common purpose" seeking the Holy Spirit's power to "renew our energy" for worship, for digging into God's Word, for praying, for serving and for witnessing.

And so, here at Peace, we will celebrate Rally Day on September 18th. Will you join us? We can rally so much better together than we can by ourselves. We need each other, working together as the people of God "loving others as well as you love yourself."

Whether you have been in church every week this summer, or were not able to make it to a single service, we invite you to join us on Rally Day, as we kick off fall programming, a new worship schedule, children and youth activities, bible studies, and so much more! We will worship at 8:30am & 10:15am together, children will gather with their Sunday school teachers and do Sunday School activities and we will have a wonderful time of fellowship together, Invite a friend, 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 & 10:15am— Worship with Communion (10:15am is an abbreviated service)

9:30am - 10:15am— Education Hour & Rally Day Activities for Children

Sign up 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!!

Happy Rallying!

~Pastor Melissa

FROM THE OFFICE

Pastoral Duties:

August 5th: Memorial Service of Mark Nelson
August 6th: Memorial Service of Dan Newman
August 29th: Memorial Service of Anita Siltberg



August Attendance:

7th: 112 14th: 81 21st: 81 28th: 103

Giving in August (not including the 28th): Budget/Missions

7th: \$8,229 / \$115 14th: \$7,313 / \$279 21st: \$4,581 / \$215

Needed each week: \$10,326

Christmas in July total: \$36,494

(plus many gifts of paper towels/coffee/napkins/copy paper/office supplies/Sunday school supplies and more!!)

Peace Membership!

If you've been visiting Peace and would like to become a member, please let Pat know in the office or talk with Pastor Melissa.

Beginning in January of this year, Intern Hillary started a **Birthdays Blessing Ministry**. Each week she sent out hand-written postcards with a birthday greeting to Peace members on their birthday. We would like to continue this through December. Would you be willing to write out 6-10 postcard greetings each week? The postcards and stamps are provided and this can be done at home. Please let Pat know if you are interested in helping.

Sabbatical Update from Pastor Melissa:

Last month I shared with you the important practice of Sabbatical renewal and I am excited to share with you this month that our church council has approved me to take Sabbatical January-March, 2023 as a sabbatical renewal time (between Christmas and Easter).

So, what does this mean? Over the next several months, we will continue to give you updates here as to the details of what Sabbatical will entail, but we are blessed with an incredible congregation (including several retired and active pastors and seminary professors) that have agreed to help cover the Sabbatical renewal time, along with lay members from the congregation.

The worship committee will soon meet to discern members of Peace that could help lead worship, make visits and/or share messages on Sunday mornings for my time away. If this is something you feel called or led to help with, please contact me or Ronda Haley, chair of Worship Committee.



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

“One Step Forward”

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 TeachHaiti.org, talking about the Christian schools she has founded. Mary Lee is on TeachHaiti's 9 member board of directors.

Peace would like to sponsor a child in Haiti this school year. Parents in Haiti must pay for their children to attend school. Poverty is rampant, so many children never attend school. For the cost of \$500, our child will receive 2 meals a day, a school uniform and a quality education in a Christian school. To help, please enclose your donation in an envelope marked “Haiti Child” and your check should be made out to Peace.

2023 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.

PLC Free Clothing Event Monday, September 26th, 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. 18th, which is SS Rally Day! Please separate your donations by bags of women's/children's/men's. It makes it much easier for the volunteers sorting & setting up for the event.

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!!

BackPack Program The Open Cupboard in Osceola packs approximately 45 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:

- ◆ Pancake Mix (complete)
- ◆ Mac-n-Cheese

Also needed are manual can openers with a long handle. They plan on sending 1 home for each family. Total needed are 45.

Please put these items in the grocery cart.

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.

Dear Peace Lutheran,

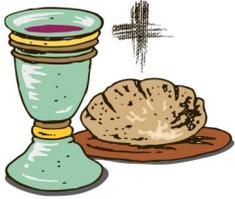
On behalf of the children, thank you so much for your help. The dresses and shorts for the children are wonderful. (160 dresses and over 30 pairs of shorts were sent from Peace).

Blessings,
Rachel - Little Dresses for Africa



NEWS & EVENTS

All Ages First Communion Class



Holy Communion

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 (of any age!) to be able to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion each week, please contact Pastor Melissa at plcyouthpastor@gmail.com or 715-755-2515.

Women’s Bible Study

Thursday mornings at 10am beginning October 6th. Watch for more info in the bulletins and weekly emails.

Special Music

Do you or your children sing or play an instrument? Worship Ministry would like to have special music during our worship services. Please let Pat in the office know or contact Ronda Haley, 651-210-9347.

CYF (Children, Youth & Family)

Ministry is meeting on Mon. Sept. 5th (yes, on Labor Day) at 5:00 pm. They are grilling dinner and welcome any persons interested in joining their “fun” committee to join them! If your interest is in our youngest members of Peace, this ministry may be for you! Contact Dawn Peer for more information.

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 3rd

The annual Ham Dinner of Peace Lutheran Church is back and will be held on Monday, October 3rd. 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 and Mission work.

Guestbook Stand

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!



Children, Youth & Families

PLC Sunday School 2022-2023 Calendar

September

- 18 Rally Day 9:30 am
- 25 Milestone Bibles PreK & 3rd Grade at 8:30 am Worship
- 26 SS @ 9:30 am

October

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 SS @ 9:30 am
- 9 Sing/Bells at Worship Services (end of the 8:30 service & the beginning of the 10:15 service)

November

- 6, 13, 20, 27 SS @ 9:35 am
- 13 Sing/Bells at Worship Services (same times as October)

Help Wanted:

- ♦ Teachers or helpers for a couple of the younger grades.
- ♦ 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 Pat (office) if you can help!

PreK & 3rd Grade Parents!

Bibles will be given to the children in those grades on Sunday, September 25th at the 8:30 am service and a Bible Class will be held between services for the kids & parents.

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

Children Hearing About Our Savior



Sunday School Rally Day

Sunday, September 18, 2022

9:30-10:15 am

Join us to register, play games, jump in the bouncy house, eat treats and enjoy time with friends! See you there!

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 Wednesday, September 28th 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ 7:00PM...SEE YOU THERE!!

2023 YOUTH MISSION TRIP: TENNESSEE & APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS Informational Meeting on Sept. 21st at 7:30pm

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 and minor home repair.

Come find out more and reserve your spot for this life changing trip on Weds., September 21st at 7:30pm. We will meet in the Sanctuary. A non-refundable \$100 deposit is required to reserve your spot. Scholarships are available and spaces are limited.

MN Mission Team Reunion Breakfast Club

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

All High School Youth who attended the MN Mission trip this summer are invited to be a part of a monthly breakfast club that will meet twice a month throughout the school year (once at church and once at a local coffee shop).

We will kick off this breakfast club on Wed., September 14th at 6:45am at church. Breakfast will be provided and rides will be available to school following Breakfast. Join us 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 14th!

7th - 12th Grade Upcoming Events Save the Dates!!

Sept. 14th, 6:00pm - Leader meeting for ALL Sunday School Teachers and Confirmation Leaders

September 21st:
6:00pm—7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Parent & Student Meeting
7:00pm— 9th Grade Confirmation Parent & Student Meeting
7:30pm—High School Mission Trip 2023 Info Meeting

September 28th:
6:00pm—1st day of Confirmation
7:00pm—Youth Group (7th - 12th grade)

9th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting 7:00 pm, Sept. 21

9th Graders and parents/guardians can plan to join us for our 9th grade Confirmation Kick-off/parent night on Wednesday, Sept. 21st from 7-8:00pm.

Come and hear all about Peace Lutheran University, our 9th grade confirmation program, from 7-7:30pm and stay for the 2023 Mission Trip Informational Meeting for all HS students from 7:30-8:00pm. See you then!

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7pm-AA	2	3
4 9:00 am Worship	5 Labor Day-Office Closed 5pm CYF Cookout	6 9:00 am Staff Mtg	7	8 7pm-AA	9	10
11 9:00 am Worship Farewell & God Bless to Dennis	12	13	14 6:45am Breakfast Club 6 pm SS & Conf. Leader Mtg	15 7pm Council Mtg 7pm-AA	16	17
18 8:30 & 10:15am Services. 8:30 am Live Stream 9:30-Rally Day!! (see Pastor's page)	19	20 10:30am Katie Nelson Grave-side Service 2:00 pm Care-giver Support Group	21 6pm-7th/8th Conf. Reg. 7pm -9th grade Conf. Reg. 7:30pm -M. Trip Mtg.	22 7pm-AA	23	24
25 PreK& 3rd Grade Bibles-8:30 8:30 & 10:15am Worship 9:30-SS Set up for Clothing Event	26 2-6pm Fall Free Clothing Event	27 9am Staff Mtg 1:30pm Rachel Circle	28 6pm Conf. 7pm HS Youth Group	29 7pm-AA	30	

Usher/Lay Reader Schedule

		<u>9:00 am</u>			
Sept. 4	Usher Reader	Steve Swenson Karrie Swenson			
Sept. 11	Usher Reader	Paul Lindholm Pete Peterson			
		<u>8:30 Service</u>	<u>10:15 Service</u>		
Sept. 18	Usher Reader	Jeff Hall family Jeff Hall family	Gene Jaremczuk Kayla Stankowski		
Sept. 25	Usher Reader	Chris Chinander Claire Chinander	Eric Mayer family Mary Lee		



We begin 8:30 and 10:15 services on September 18th

PARISH NURSE NOTES

As is usual this time of year, there's a lot of church activities coming up on the calendar for September and October. I hope one of our educational offerings (such as Sunday School teacher/helper or Confirmation mentor), outreach, or stewardship opportunities speaks to you and causes you to join in to lend a helping hand. After all, these are the core concepts that help make "being a church" a reality! Thanks to all who have stepped up to teach, usher, lay read for worship, help in the kitchen, quilt, visit the homebound – and the list goes on. It's so good to be a part of God's family here at Peace!

Accept Help From Friends and Family Members. If you or someone you know are struggling to manage an acute or chronic debilitating health condition (such as a recent stroke or cancer treatments), learning to let go of some things and to accept help will lower your anxiety levels and likely raise your spirits. People want to help out, but they may not be sure what kinds of assistance you need. Even getting help with the smallest of tasks can lessen your load so you can focus on therapy exercises or just relaxing. Try keeping a list of tasks such as doing laundry or items needed at the store. That way, when friends or family members offer to help, you can give them specific tasks. You can also try using a *caregiver mobile app* to help you coordinate help from family and friends. Examples of caregiving coordination apps include: **Lotsa Helping Hands** -- www.lotsahelpinghands.com and **MyLifeLine** -- www.mylifeline.org. Remember that you (or your caregiver) don't have to try to do it all on your own!

Did you know September marks Healthy Aging Month? There is no shortage of articles and TV shows focusing on the topic of aging well. In a nutshell, what it comes down to are a few simple concepts:

- ◆ Maintaining a healthy weight
- ◆ Getting regular exercise/movement
- ◆ Eating a healthy diet

There are a number of ways to achieve the above tips (as evidenced by anywhere you look these days!) And if you can master all three, you're not only more likely to survive an adverse health issue, but there's a greater chance you'll live longer with fewer health problems. Now there's a simple concept I need to keep in the forefront of my mind the next time I'm tempted to have a second helping!!!

May you be blessed with good health to enjoy the fall season, *Karen*



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

Last Month We Especially Prayed for:

Families of Mark Nelson, Dan Newman, Anita Siltberg
 Pat Anderson (Rosella Geving's sister), Sheri Anderson,
 Dick Beer (Don Meixner's brother-in-law),
 Geraldine Deering (Robyn Bjornstad's mother),
 Connie Denihan (friend of Dale & Carol Rhoe),
 Chris Gilchrist (Dale & Carol Rhoe's son), Steve Edling,
 Jadin Greaves (family friends of Kelly Kneath family),
 Diane Hansen (Debbie Brust's sister), Dorothy Heichel (Becky Olson's mother),
 Robi Hollman, Lee Johnson (Ronda Haley's sister-in-law),
 Sidney Johnson (Peter Ward's grandfather), Joy Kerr (Michelle Ward's cousin),
 Virgil Koehler, Ken Lear, Dolly Ladd,
 John Lee (Royal Oaks), Macy (Fred Haine's niece),
 Nancy Mallery (Mary Johnson's sister-in-law), Kylie Peterson (Peggy Basham's niece),
 Janet Quinto (Dale & Carol Rhoe's friend),
 Adrian Smith (great nephew of Tim DeMenge), Shirley White (Maxine Waddick's sister)

Serving in the Military: Collin Western, Mason Peer, Graidy Guggisberg

Divine Rehab & Nursing, SCF: Opal Parel, Sally Johnson

Amery Memory Care, Amery: Orlin & Linda Ellefson, Pam Teig

CCH, Osceola: Duane & Thelma Vanderwerf, Dee Larsen, Angie LaMirande



STEWARDSHIP NOTES

“What should we do then?” the crowd asked. John answered, ‘The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same.’ Luke 3:10-11, New International Version.

John’s wilderness ministry of baptism and repentance had become popular with first century Jews, whose presence at the Jordan proves that they recognized John as the Messenger whom the prophet Isaiah had foreseen. The crowd seems to have taken seriously John’s urging in verse 8 to “Produce fruit in keeping with repentance,” as evidenced by their desperate request to know what more they needed to do in order to escape God’s judgement.

As Lutherans, we do not believe that obedience to John’s orders in verse 11 is required in order for us to receive God’s grace. However, we do believe that compliance, as shown by generously sharing our time, talents, and treasures, is evidence of the belief in and acknowledgement of God’s love for us. And that love, as “the other John” quotes Jesus’ conversation with Nicodemus, means that *“...whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* John 3:16, NIV.

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

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.

Worship SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:00 am

Beginning September 18th we will have 2 services
8:30 & 10:15 am - Sunday School from 9:30-10:15 am.
Livestream will be at 8:30 am.

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