



Voice of Peace

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October thoughts from Pastor Al

As we head into October, I am amazed at the activity level that happens around Peace church. On Sunday mornings, we have so many folks who step up with their gifts of music. Adult Choir is back; we have folks back to the leading of the second service. I am thankful for the wonderful leadership that we have in Daphne Evenson, Brian and Sherry Pearson and now, also, Joel Green.

There are so many more of you who have stepped up to all the Christian Education/Spiritual Formation events that happen every week: Sunday School at 9:45 and 10:45, Wednesday Kids Club, Confirmation, and Bible studies starting up or continuing. Thank you to Pastor Kathy, Lori, Steve, Kendra and Brooke for excellent leadership.

Lots of great stewardship is going on here at Peace - stewardship of your gifts of time, talents and stewardship of the gospel of Jesus Christ being sung, taught and proclaimed.

At this time of the year, we ask you to do some reflection on the distribution and sharing of financial gifts for the work of the gospel. Our Stewardship Committee is preparing these reflections for us in the month of October with a celebration Sunday on November 6th. As I have been focusing on the stewardship themes, I have come across a book entitled, The Soul of Money by Lynne Twist. I want to whet your appetite for reading her book. You can also visit her website, www.soulofmoney.org. She has one story after another to bring us to a more peaceful way of living.

Chapter three is entitled, "Scarcity: the Great Lie" She writes, "I have been engaged for all these years in the lives and circumstances of people, many of whom live in crushing conditions where the lack of food, water, shelter, freedom, or opportunity drives every move and every conversation. Others, by every measure, have bounty way beyond their needs – more money, more food, more cars, more clothes, more education, more services, more freedom, more opportunity, more of everything. Yet surprisingly, in that world of over-abundance, too, the conversation is dominated by what they don't have and what they want to get. No matter who we are or what our circumstances, we swim in conversations about what there isn't enough of."

"I see it in myself. For me, for many of us, our first waking thought of the day is 'I didn't get enough sleep.' The next one is 'I don't have enough time.' Whether true

Church Council Members:

Claudia Balay

Dean Bigalke

Al Fiskness

Keith Hanson

Matt Holland

Joel Johnson

Pat Oss

Chad Renstrom

Daryl Sanderson

Nick Ventrella

Jim Vossen

Chad Woelfel

Volunteers

Ushers

8:30 Bob Anderson
Del Chesness
Judy Worth

10:45

Oct. 2 - Skluzaceks & Loterbauers
Oct. 9 - Bruce Nelsons & Ziesmers
Oct. 16 - Koosmanns
Oct. 23 - Austvolds
Oct. 30 - Hollands and Balays



Altar Guild

Maureen Pierson, Chm.
Skip Domke
Becky Holland
Julia Iverson
Angie Larson
Cindy Lundberg
Jeremiah Schmeichel
Marlene Tharaldson
Virginia Thon



The Peace Driver
for October is:
Leonard Nelson
354-3710



If you spend the winter - or part of the winter - in another location, and if you receive the *Voice of Peace* by mail, please let us know **your departure and expected return dates**. We can send the newsletter to your winter location. If we don't get an address change for you, the post office throws away the newsletter and charges us \$.50 each mailing to tell us you are "temporarily away." Please help us stay in touch.



Financial Report ~ Jan. - Aug.

	Budget	Actual
YTD Income		
General Fund	\$285,979	\$249,596
Mortgage Fund	84,618	59,235
Maintenance Fund	39,467	26,834
Mission Fund	23,707	20,454
ELCA Synod Fund	8,000	8,692
Youth Fund	13,450	7,891
Offering for Month	53,737	37,017
YTD Expenses		
General Fund	298,849	277,154
Mortgage Fund	84,618	84,618
Maintenance Fund	38,633	32,082
Mission Fund	20,207	18,147
ELCA Synod Fund	8,000	6,616
Youth Fund	17,383	8,445
Mortgage Information		
Total cost of Project		\$2,529,362
Original Balance		1,731,684
Interest Paid to Date		458,221
Principal Paid to Date		777,118
Remaining Balance		1,170,481
Building Peace by Piece		
Amount Pledged (Nov. 2004-Present)		\$1,719,030
Amount Received to Date		1,368,898
Difference		350,132

Adult Forums



Oct. 2 - Youth for Christ Int'l—Moldova Day Centers

Bryan Blomker will be here with Youth for Christ co-workers from Moldova and Northern Ireland. Find out how God is changing lives and what you can do to help!

Oct. 9 - Stewardship

Oct. 16 - Training Service dogs—David & Margie Skeie

After retiring from their jobs, the Skeies became volunteers to train service dogs. Some of their dogs have been placed with a diabetic woman, an autistic boy and others with special needs. Come and hear about some amazing dogs.

Oct. 23 - Jamaica Team Pancake Breakfast (7:30 am—Noon)

Come and eat a yummy breakfast and hear about the plans for the Jamaica mission trip in January!

Oct. 30 - Food for Kidz / Operation Christmas Child

Hear about two great "hands-on" projects that you can be involved with. On Nov. 16, we will be packaging meals that will be sent to needy areas around the world (and to our own Food Shelf). Sunday, Nov. 20, Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are due at Peace. Learn what to pack in a gift box to share Christ with a child.

Call Committee Update

The call committee had a few more interviews with potential candidates this past month. We have a set of questions that we have been using for everyone. It takes about an hour to hour and a half to go thru the list. Each of us takes turns asking the questions about different areas of ministry. After all the questioning is done, the candidate leaves and we have a meeting about the person that we just talked to. During this time, there is a short form that is filled out and sent into the synod office.

I was reviewing the transition team report of our ministry leadership needs that Peace, as a congregation sent into the ELCA. The reason I printed off this profile was to remind us, the Call Committee and the congregation, our job is to find someone who has the experience and ability to fill our five tasks, plus has the gifts of ministry. One final thought: as much as so many of us love this church, love the town and surrounding area, and think it is a wonderful place to live, not everyone shares these ideals. So, it is important as well that our next minister wants to be here with us, in our little corner of God's country. Keep praying for us, the congregation, and the ministers that we have and the ones who are on their way to us.

Norm Wrase

Simply Giving & Thrivent Choice

Simply Giving is an automatic contribution program run by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. It is so convenient to use. Consider this method for your stewardship and have your contribution automatically deducted from your account. You may sign up on our website: www.peacenewlondon.com; then click on the cross in the upper left, and then click on the "donate now" button. If you have any questions please call the church office (354-2774).

Eligible members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans are allotted a certain amount of money ("Choice Dollars") each year in a program called, **Thrivent Choice**. Each year this money is contributed to a charitable cause. Did you know that Peace (mission) is one of these choices? Thrivent money designated for Peace goes into the mission fund and is distributed to various programs as the Mission Committee approves. To designate your "Choice Dollars" to this program, call the church office at 354-2774 for information on signing up by phone or online.

October Thoughts (continued from page 1)

or not, that thought of *not enough* occurs to us automatically before we even think to question or examine it. We spend most of the hours and the days of our lives hearing, explaining, complaining, or worrying about what we don't have enough of. We don't have enough time. We don't have enough rest. We don't have enough exercise. We don't have enough work. We don't have enough profits. We don't have enough power. We don't have enough wilderness. We don't have enough weekends. Of course, we don't have enough money – ever. We're not thin enough, we're not smart enough, we're not pretty enough or fit enough or educated or successful enough, or rich enough – ever. Before we even sit up in bed, before our feet touch the floor, we're already inadequate, already behind, already losing, already lacking something. And by the time we go to bed at night, our minds race with a litany of what we didn't get, or didn't get done, that day. We go to sleep burdened by those thoughts and wake up to that reverie of lack."

She writes, "Scarcity shapes our deepest sense of ourselves, and becomes the lens through which we experience life. Through that lens our expectations, our behavior, and their consequences become a self-fulfilling prophecy of inadequacy, lack, and dissatisfaction."

I hope I've whet your appetite for some more reading.

Pastor AI

In Our Prayers

Births:

Lily Pauline Pulsifer, daughter of Jacob & Julie (Iverson) Pulsifer
Wyatt Scott Rambow, son of Scott & Rachel Rambow



Baptisms:

Ella Theresa Braegelman, daughter of Adam & Brea (Nelson) Braegelman
Maddex James Nelson, son of Brandon & Nadine Nelson
Gavyn Lee Ahrendt, son of Chad & Heidi Ahrendt

People who were in Peace Prayers in September:

Aiden Bigalke, Jason Dahlberg, John Edwardson, Dean Govig, Kean Hanson, Bob Kessler, Imo Lothert, Eli Martens, Mike Meyer, Phyllis Nestande, Marilyn Niemiste, Nathan Rogalski, Robin Sult, Bruce (Spoonie) Vogt, Paula Vollan

Our Sympathy to:

The Family of Don Ivy



Memorials and Special Gifts:

In Memory of:

Delroy Johnson & Rebecca (Johnson) Tri - a monetary gift was given to Sunday School by the Johnson Family*

LaVern Luther - monetary gifts were given to Roof Repair, Memorial Trust and undesignated (some of the undesignated money was used for new planting around the church).

Ruby Olson (Opal Johnson's sister) - a monetary gift was given to MOP - Byan Blomker.

In Honor of:

Graden & Becky West's 50th Anniversary - a monetary gift was given to MOP-Jamaica

*When a gift is \$100 or more, the giver's name is listed.

Thank You

Dear Peace Lutheran,

Thank you so much for your hospitality this summer and for the wonderful book for our new baby daughter. Hope to see you all again in a few years!

God Bless!

Eric, Christie & Aleaha Hanson (ELCA missionaries in Japan)

I would like to thank everyone who have sent cards, called and given me words of encouragement during the last couple of months. A special thank you to the Tuesday morning Bible Study ladies for their card and prayers.

I appreciate your kindness . . .

Paula Vollan

Ladies Circle and Prayer Group,

Thank you so much for the kind prayers that you sent all of us. The words really meant a lot in our great time of need with our sister's (and daughter's) passing. Her [Becky Johnson Tri] passing went so fast, but we all know that she isn't suffering anymore and is no longer in pain. Cancer is such a terrible disease. I really hope that they can find a cure for it soon.

Thank you again for everything and keeping us in your prayers.

Love,

Carl & Sherry Swenson

Jennie Johnson

Jeff & Gale Johnson

Gary & Annie Johnson

Peace Lutheran Women (PLW)

By Bev Nelson

October 6 9:00 AM—Noon Christian Service Day
Noon PLW Board meeting

October 13 1:30 P.M. PLW meeting

Everyone is welcome to attend this special event to hear Al Fiskness present an overview of the Reformation. Come to refresh your memory and understanding of this important event in the history of the Christian church.

This is also the time for the annual Thankoffering. Lutheran women have for many years given extra gifts for the good things that happen in their lives. Coins have been saved in piggy banks, soup cans, sugar bowls, a “real” Thankoffering box, even an old sock. We gather these gifts once a year to be used by the Church-wide organization of Women of the ELCA for extra projects in the U.S. and around the world. It would be good if more people thought of this project all year, but any amount at any time is most appreciated.

Peace Women have adopted an on-going project of supporting the **ELCA mosquito net fund**. This column carried information in August about malaria. Summarizing this, remember that malaria, caused by a mosquito, attacks all over the world, is preventable and treatable, yet it claims nearly one million lives each year. Join us in purchasing mosquito nets to help prevent this disease. Nets cost \$10 each, and one member will match net for net up to ten nets (\$100) during the weeks up to October 15. Are you ready for a challenge?



Thanks to Debbie Monson and Bernice Leite for packing and transporting clothing to several planes in Willmar, and to Sue & Don Anderson for bringing household items and clothing to Safe Avenues.

Thank you to the members of the Lebanon Cemetery Board who mow and keep up the cemetery faithfully all summer.

Coming in November—The annual Memorial Service for those who have died in the year since All Saint’s Day, 2010.

Peace Lutheran Women of the ELCA

President: Beverly Nelson
Secretary: Bernice Leite
Treasurer: Carol Monson
Mission Growth (Programs): Shari Christiansen
Mission Action (Christian Service Day):
Mission Community (Funeral Serving & PLW Serving):
Toodie Spletter

All women who join Peace are members of PLW. There are five groups of ladies who serve here. The serving groups need more members to help serve funerals. If you could help by bringing cupcakes or working at a funeral, please call Toodie (354-2345).

Circles meet the third Thursday of the month. All women are invited to join a circle. The Bible Study for 2011-2012 emphasizes what it means to follow Jesus Christ Today. We are called to a living faith, a deeper and more courageous understanding of what it means to follow Jesus. The study is found in the magazine, Gather (formerly “Lutheran Woman Today”). A year’s subscription is \$12 and can be ordered from:



Subscription Order Center
Box 1209
Minneapolis, MN 55440-8730

or you can order online at www.augsburgfortress.org.
You are welcome to attend one of these groups (usual meeting times):

- 9:00 A.M. - Bethlehem Circle meets at McKale’s
- 9:30 A.M. - Bethany Circle meets at GlenOaks
- 1:30 P.M. - Nazareth Circle meets at Peace
- 7:00 P.M. - Altar Guild Circle and Cana Circle meet together in Fireside Room

October 20 —Session 2: Mothers and Brothers
Theme verse: Mark 3:35 - “Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Where's Peace in Mission?

By Carol Roverud



Where's Peace in Mission? We're all over the world! Your mission offerings support work in Minnesota (New London/Spicer, Willmar, Bemidji), Jamaica and the Caribbean, Europe, Moldova, the Middle East, North Africa, South Africa, Japan, India and around the world (ELCA World Hunger, Operation Christmas Child, ELCA Disaster Response and more). Donations in the white offering envelope support missions included in the congregational mission budget. Donations in the yellow mission envelope go to the mission of the month. Your gifts touch lives in places most of us will never travel and in ways we can't imagine. Thanks for sharing your blessings with others as we share the love of Christ with the world! Check out the mission bulletin board in the hallway near the Fellowship Hall to see where Peace is involved in mission!

October Special Focus: ELCA Missionaries



Did you get a chance to meet our ELCA missionaries when they were at Peace in July? Pastor Eric Hanson and his wife, Christie and daughter, Aleaha, were on home leave this summer and visited at many of the churches that help provide their support. Pastor Eric and Christie are serving at Tokyo Lutheran Church in Japan which has both an English-speaking congregation and a Japanese congregation. Eric works with Pastor Sekino as both try to revive the ministry of the church. One of the interesting evangelism practices is a ministry called "Bokuski Kisaten" which means "Pastor's Café." Their church is located on a busy street in Tokyo, and once a month any visitor who wishes to come inside and have a cup of coffee and conversation with the pastors is welcome. They hope this makes the church more approachable for people who live in the area.

This year they had several major events in their lives—experiencing the aftermath of the tsunami (and the associated electrical outages, food shortages, and uncertainties), the recent typhoon and welcoming their first child into their family! They were evacuated from Tokyo to the southern part of Japan just before Aleaha was born in April!

Peace's mission budget includes a \$2,500 commitment to these missionaries. Additional gifts given this month in the yellow envelope will be added to that to help them in their ministry.

The **2012 Jamaica Mission Team** will once again travel to Sunbeam Boys Home to spend a week with our very special boys!! At this time, we have one ticket still available. The focus of our week is to spend some quality time with the boys, getting to know them, sharing the word of God and just letting them know that someone really loves and cares about them. Work projects are also important in maintaining the home for the boys and staff. We hope to assist with completion of the next addition onto Ms Bryan's kitchen. She is soooo excited to have the extra room to prepare meals for forty-plus people daily and up to sixty when teams visit.

The trip dates are January 21-28, 2012. Please call Charlie or Cindy Lundberg (354-4689) if you are interested in joining the team.

The **legos** were such a hit last year that we have decided to collect them again this year to take to the boys. If you have used (or new) legos you would like to donate, please drop them off in the church office Thank you!



We will be serving a **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, October 23 from 7:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. Come enjoy some hot cakes with the Jamaica Team and hear about the plans for the mission trip.

More Mission Opportunities

Wednesday, November 16 is the day of our **Food for Kidz** (formerly “Kids Against Hunger”) food packaging event. We will again join the Norway Lake Parish at First Lutheran Church from 4:00—8:30 P.M.

We need lots of volunteers that night — help with set up and clean up, about 120 people to package food, 5 or 6 people to be “trainers” to teach how to package food, several people to help with registration and volunteers to bake bars (sold that evening). Watch for the sign up list at church. Children are welcome if accompanied by a parent.

We made about \$2,000 from the Gardens, Art & Music Night, and have some money left from last year’s “garage sale,” but we are asked to come up with \$3,500 to purchase the food products used. Donations are welcome, and checks may be made to “MOP—Food for Kidz.” The group that runs this program is from Stewart, MN and is 100% non-profit. JOIN US!



Operation Christmas Child

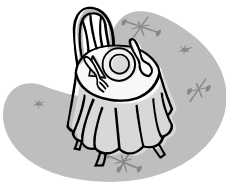
Get your family together - or participate on your own - and join us in this fun way to reach others for Christ!



1. Grab a shoe box—look for the decorated boxes at church, or wrap one of your own (wrap top and bottom separately) or purchase a plastic shoe box (use some colorful tissue paper to make it seem like a gift).
2. Check out the instructions for items to put in the box. Decide whether the box is for a boy or a girl and what age.
3. Pack your box and bring it to Peace **NOT LATER THAN Sunday, November 20**. A \$7.00 donation is requested to help with the shipping. If you give online, you can track where your box is sent. If you write a check, please make it payable to “Samaritan’s Purse.”

These shoe boxes are shipped around the world and provide an opening for Samaritan’s Purse to introduce the Gospel. Volunteers add a booklet that tells the story of Jesus, and after receiving a shoe box, children are invited to attend a discipleship training program that teaches them more. Be a missionary by packing a box that may introduce a child to Christ!

Tuesday’s Table



The October Tuesday’s Table will again be at Peace. Volunteers are always welcome that night (to serve food, refill serving containers, pour coffee, water or milk, help clear tables, visit with guests, wash dishes). Donations of cash or food items—milk, bars—are always appreciated.

We would like to form two (or more teams) that would alternate on Peace’s Tuesdays. If you would be willing to serve on a team (we have a head cook for each team), call Carol at Peace (354-2774). We have a place for you at Tuesday’s Table!

Volunteers are needed at the **Community Closet Thrift Store** located at the ECC Community Center in New London. Volunteers help with sorting, stocking and/or waiting on customers. The store hours are: Tuesdays 2:00-6:00 P.M., Thursdays 10:00 A.M. - 2:00P.M. and Saturdays 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Call Louise Hofstad (320) 894-3087 or Kathy Hofstad (320) 905-3813 to volunteer.


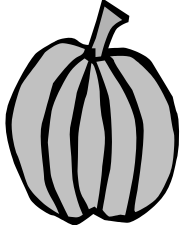
The Link is holding a **“JUST THE BASICS”** household item distribution and **WINTERWEAR EVENT** on Saturday, October 15, from 9:00-11:00 A.M. at Faith Lutheran in Spicer. This is a great time to check your closets for gently-used, outgrown jackets, snow pants, mittens, hats, etc. Items may be brought to Peace at any time. Children’s wear is especially needed.




Peace is also asked to collect **deodorant** and **toilet paper** for the household goods distribution. Donations may be placed in the baskets in the gathering space. We hope to collect 300 of each item. THANKS for supporting this event!



You are invited to “shop” at the event. Items are free and no proof of income is required.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
 CTOBER 2011		
<p>2</p> <p>8:30 AM Traditional Worship; Holy Communion</p> <p>9:45 AM Adult Forum, Sunday School; 4/5-year-old "Forgiveness" Milestone (parents attend class with student)</p> <p>10:45 AM Contemporary Worship; Holy Communion</p> <p>1:45 PM GlenOaks Worship</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00-8:00 PM Cub Scout Pack Meeting (FH, kitchen)</p> <p>7:00 PM Garden Club (FR)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p> <p>9:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>9:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 PM Agape ChristCare</p> <p>3:10-5:00 PM Campus Life MS</p>
<p>9 - Theological Conference</p> <p>8:30 AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:45 AM Adult Forum, Sunday School; Kindergarten "Lord's Prayer" Milestone (parents attend class with student)</p> <p>10:45 AM Contemporary Worship; Pre-school-K sings; Sunday School dismissal at 11:00 AM;</p> <p>4:00-6:00 PM Jamaica Team meeting (Conf. Room)</p>	<p>10—Theological Conference</p> <p>8:30-11:00 AM Peer Helpers orientation (Youth Sanctuary & Fireside Room)</p> <p>10:00 AM Hospitality ChristCare in Conference Room</p>	<p>11—Theological Conference</p> <p>6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p> <p>9:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>9:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 PM Agape ChristCare</p> <p>3:10-5:00 PM Campus Life MS</p> <p>5:30-7:00 PM Restorative Justice</p>
<p>16</p> <p>7:45 AM 5th & 6th graders go to Como Zoo</p> <p>8:30 AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:45 AM Adult Forum, Sunday School; 3rd Grade Bible Milestone (parents attend class with child)</p> <p>10:45 AM Contemporary Worship; Kids Club sings; Sunday School dismissal at 11:00 AM; 3rd graders receive Bibles; Meal for those families following the service</p>	<p>17</p> <p>3:00-5:00 PM Girl Scouts (FH)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p> <p>9:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>9:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 PM Agape ChristCare</p> <p>3:10-5:00 PM Campus Life MS</p> <p>5:30 PM Finance Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council</p>
<p>23</p> <p>7:30—Noon Jamaica Team Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>9:45 AM Sunday School; 1st Grade "Ten Commandments" Milestone (parents attend class with child)</p> <p>10:45 AM Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion; Sunday School dismissal at 11:00 AM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 AM Hospitality ChristCare</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p> <p>9:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>9:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 PM Agape ChristCare</p> <p>3:10-5:00 PM Campus Life MS</p> <p>5:30-7:00 PM Restorative Justice</p> <p>6:00 PM Tuesday's Table</p>
<p>30</p> <p>8:30 AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:45 AM Adult Forum; Sunday School; 4th Grade "Apostles' Creed" Milestone (parents attend class with child)</p> <p>10:45 AM Contemporary Worship; Sunday School dismissal at 11:00 AM; Rite of Confirmation</p>	<p>31—HALLOWEEN</p> <p>4:30-6:00 PM Fall Festival for children age 10 and under</p>	

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:45 AM 9th grade Confirmation Retreat (return Sunday)
5 9:00 AM "Create Art Together" 12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar (YMCA) 3:10-5:00 PM Kids Club to Sibley 5:00 PM Meal 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:20 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM DIG	6 6:30 AM Bible Study at McKale's 9:00 AM Christian Service Day 10:45 AM GlenOaks Holy Communion 12:00 PM PLW Board Meeting 3:10-5:00 PM Campus Life HS	7 2:00 PM West-Ender's ChristCare 6:00 PM Girl Scouts—8th grade (CR) 9:00-11:00 PM After-Game Special (7th & 8th graders)	8
12 9:00 AM "Create Art Together" 12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar (YMCA) 3:10-5:00 PM Kids Club at Peace 5:00 PM Meal 5:30 PM Executive Committee 6:00 PM Conference-wide Confirmation event in Willmar 6:20 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM DIG	13 6:30 AM Bible Study at McKale's 8:00 AM—3:30 PM Parish Nurse Conference (FH, kitchen, gym, theater) 9:00 AM Legion Quilting 1:30 PM Peace Lutheran Women meet (FH, kitchen) 3:10-5:00 PM Campus Life HS	14	15 9:00-11:00 AM "Just the Basics" household goods and winter wear distribution at Faith Lutheran in Spicer
19 9:00 AM "Create Art Together" 12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar (YMCA) NO Kids Club, NO Meal, NO Confirmation, NO DIG 6:20 PM Adult Choir	20—MEA Break 6:30 AM Bible Study at McKale's 9:00 AM Bethlehem Circle at McKale's 9:30 AM Bethany Circle at GlenOaks 11:00 AM NO Caregiver's group 1:30 PM Nazareth Circle at Peace NO Campus Life HS 7:00 PM Cana Circle / Altar Guild 7:00 PM Wind Ensemble & Band Concert	21— MEA Break 2:00 PM West-Ender's ChristCare 6:00 PM Girl Scouts—8th grade (CR)	22
26 9:00 AM "Create Art Together" 12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar (YMCA) 3:10-5:00 PM Kids Club at Peace NO 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:15 PM 9th Grade Confirmation Pictures and Rehearsal 6:20 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM DIG	27 6:30 AM Bible Study at McKale's 3:10-5:00 PM Campus Life HS	28 3:15-5:00 PM Girl Scouts (FH)	29

Greetings from the Nurses of Peace

By Becky West

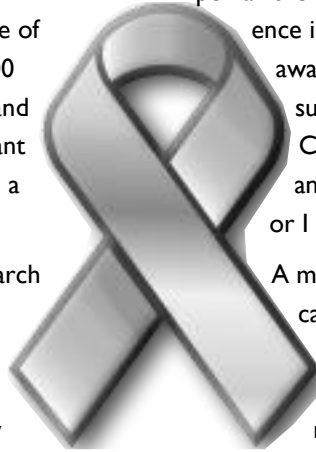
October is breast cancer awareness month. Most people know of someone (family or friend) who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Most of those diagnosed are female, but it is a disease that affects both men and women. It is far more common in women and after skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women in the United States.

Breast cancer is second only to lung cancer as a cause of cancer deaths in American women. Annually, 250,000 American women are diagnosed with breast cancer and nearly 40,000 of them die. Early detection is important so the disease can be caught in its initial stages, when a cure is most likely.

Public support for breast cancer awareness and research funding has helped improve the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. Survival rates have increased and the number of deaths has been declining thanks to a number of factors such as earlier detection, new treatments, and a better understanding of the disease.

Mayo Clinic provides screening, evaluation, education, and treatment for more than 1,300 new breast cancer patients each year. Treatment may include surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, biological treatments, hormone therapy or a combination of any of these treatments.

Most of the women diagnosed each year were not known to be at high risk. Researchers are always looking for better ways to identify who's at increased risk in order to enhance early detection. Breast cancer does not discriminate. Any woman of any race can get it. Unfortunately, minorities such



as African Americans, Latinos and Asians tend to develop breast cancer earlier and often have more aggressive tumors than white women. Too often minorities aren't diagnosed until after the disease has spread making treatment much more difficult and less successful.

Events to raise money for diseases like cancer seem to happen all the time. These fund raisers really do make a difference in the race to find a cure and bring educational awareness. Pastor Al's wife, Renae, a breast cancer survivor, is working on an event October 23 in St. Cloud: "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer." If anyone is interested in participating, either Renae or I can be contacted.

A most exciting new study is looking at why breast cancer occurs, why it grows, and why some breast cancer tumors respond to certain treatments while others don't. My family has a number of members with breast cancer, but only one is one too many. I hate mammograms, but would never consider refusing the screening. My doctor and I look at factors like age, preexisting health concerns, and American Cancer Society recommendation to determine screening frequency. Talk to your doctor and remember faith – both are very good for your health.

Becky West, Your Parish Nurse



9th Annual Kandiyohi County Caregivers Retreat

Wednesday, October 12 from 12:15—3:30 P.M.

At Bethesda Heritage (East Door) in the Larson Room

1012 3rd St. SE, Willmar

Everyone who is a caregiver or interested in family caregiver issues is welcome to attend. Family caregivers are "no charge," professionals: \$6.00 (includes materials & refreshments).

Look for a registration form at the information desk in the gathering space. Registrations must be turned in by Friday, Oct. 7 to Jan Novotny, Lutheran Social Service.

The West Central Dementia Awareness Network is offering an event filled with information, support and resources, "**Shedding a Light on Memory Loss**" on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at Bethel Lutheran Church, 411 Becker Ave. SW in Willmar.

5:00 - 5:30 P.M., visit displays, gather information and enjoy a barbecue and chips (free will donation).

5:30-6:30 P.M., Dr. James Tiede will speak on "What is Palliative Care Anyway? When Does Hospice Fit In?"

6:45-8:00 P.M. Lores Vlamincq, RN, will speak on "Compassionately Fatigued, Compannionately Satisfied" and help us identify the signs and symptoms on compassion fatigue.

The event is free, but a free will donation will be accepted to support the Alzheimer's Association and future events like this one.

John Wesley: Founder of Methodism

John Wesley (1703-1791) grew up at a time when English religious life was at a very low point. Poverty, corruption, and crime was widespread. People turned to alcohol to find solace which resulted in further social problems.

The Church of England was also found to be wanting. Many senior clergy were not concerned for the welfare of their people and left much of the parish responsibilities to beginning ministerial candidates.

John Wesley's father, Samuel, was an Anglican priest who did take his call seriously, and mother Susana, closely supervised the children's educational and spiritual development. A childhood incident made a deep impression on the young Wesley. At age six, he was rescued from the burning rectory (parsonage). In later years, Wesley referred to himself as a "brand plucked from the burning."

John and his brother, Charles studied at Oxford where they established a religious group or "Holy Club" that met together for Bible reading, prayer, and fasting. They were called "Methodists" because of their methodical practice of Bible study.

John Wesley spent three years as a missionary in the North American colony of Georgia, but met with only limited success. However, this journey was significant in that he met a group of Moravians who shared their faith with him. Upon his return to England, he attended one of their meetings at Aldersgate Street when the reading was from Luther's commentary on Romans. This occasion was very meaningful for Wesley as he said, "I felt my heart strangely warmed."

Shortly afterwards, Wesley began his preaching ministry and offended several church leaders with direct and confronting style. On one occasion, he was denied access to the very church that his father had served. Undaunted, Wesley walked over to his Father's tombstone, climbed up, and preached to a large crowd that had gathered in the cemetery.

Wesley and his followers utilized the practice of field preaching. They would speak at places where a number of people had gathered. They particularly sought to help the miners. Wesley would arrive before 5:00 A.M. to greet the miners before they descended into the underground shafts. He was also there at the entrance to provide ministry for them when they came up after having completed their work shift.

Wesley traveled miles on horseback, riding from village to village. Preaching in the open fields would often invite violent opposition including rotten eggs, garbage, and even stones. Wesley would remain undaunted in the face of violence. He seemed to possess an iron will and was said to stare down a drunken mob. Even though he was only 5'6" tall and weighed only 120 pounds, he was fearless and his confidence in God sustained him in difficult situations. He even appeared to thrive on adversity.

Holiness or godly living was a prominent theme that ran through Wesley's theology. He even talked about attaining Christian perfection in this earthly life. In this respect, our Lutheran tradition takes a different perspective as we are reminded of Luther's saying that we as people of God are simultaneously "sinner and saint" while on our earthly sojourn.

Even though Wesley did not intend for his movement to become a separate church, it grew and eventually led to the Methodist Church which became a significant spiritual and social force in both England and America. Methodism did much to lessen the ignorance, coarseness, and drunkenness that characterized English social life of that era. Some historians have suggested that Wesley's movement might have spared England the turmoil and trauma that occurred during the French Revolution. Church historian, B.K. Kuipers gives perspective saying, "The influence of Wesley and the Methodists, particularly in the English speaking world, is indeed immeasurable."



School is in session! Wednesdays and Sundays are filled with the footsteps and laughter of our children! We are so blessed to have you all as a part of our Children's Ministry!

God bless those who are here and ready to help, not only as teachers, shepherds, and nursery workers, but those who have other talents that they are willing to share . . . working with the children's bags, doing bulletin boards, and so many others who do things "behind the scenes." **THANK YOU!**

REGISTRATION FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WEDNESDAY KIDS CLUB ACTIVITIES

You are still able to register your child for ALL the activities that they would like to participate in. Registration forms and information are located in the church library. You may take and fill out the forms and return them to the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL- Your choices are 9:45 -10:30 AM or 11:00-11:45 AM. You may go to either session, but choosing the one you will usually attend will allow for better staffing.

WEDNESDAY KIDS CLUB (K-6) If you feel your Kindergartener is ready for an afternoon of activity, please sign your child up! Children will ride Bus #4 to Peace Lutheran Church on Wednesdays. There are a few Wednesdays that we do NOT have Kids' Club, please keep your calendar close... remember the dates your child will NOT be at Peace on a Wednesday!

Kids' Club -

Children should ride Bus #4 to Peace

10/5 - 3:10-5:00 - Kids Club goes to Sibley State Park.
Please wear appropriate clothing and shoes.

10/12- 3:10-5:00—Kids Club at Peace

10/19- **NO KIDS' CLUB**

10/26 - 3:10-5:00—Kids Club at Peace



SINGING SCHEDULE:

October 9—PRE-K Sings @ 10:45 A.M. service. Children stay with their teachers. Large Group Sunday School (LGSS) meet in the MUSIC ROOM at 10:30 A.M.



October 16—KIDS' CLUB Sings @ 10:45 A.M. service. Children meet in the CHAPEL @ 10:30 A.M.



40 YEAR CELEBRATION AND REGISTRATION... **THANK YOU to ALL**

who helped out that day by setting up, tearing down, working games, registration, potluck, horse rides, and donating pies and cakes! The children had a blast with the different activities; cotton candy was a hit and the CAKEWALK was a HUGE success!!!

ARACELY CASTILLO

OUR COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL SPONSOR CHILD

Just to let you know...Aracely's birthday is coming up in NOVEMBER!!! She was born November 7, 2001 and will be 10 years old! If you would like to contribute to a birthday gift for Aracely, please let me know! Unfortunately, we are unable to send packages, so only papers (colored pictures, pictures, coloring pages for her, cards, and letters) are all we are allowed to send. We are also allowed to send money, which is given to her as a gift. Most children that are sponsored do not have much money and will share their gifts with their entire family!



MILESTONES

Classes are held in the Multi-Purpose Room at 9:45 A.M. unless otherwise noted. Parents attend with student.

10/2 - 4- and 5-year-olds - "Forgiveness"

10/9 - Kindergarten - "The Lord's Prayer"

10/16- 3rd Graders - Bible Milestone class

3rd Graders - Receive Bibles at 10:45 A.M. service
Lunch to follow service. Please call the church at 354-2774 with number attending! Thank you!

10/23 - 1st Grade - "Ten Commandments"

10/30 - 4th Grade - "The Apostles' Creed"

We had a great kickoff for Confirmation on September 21. Ninth grade students and parents signed up for Faith Statement interviews and received information on the retreat. Seventh and eighth grade families signed up for service points in the areas of kitchen help, ushering, after-game specials, the Fall Festival and the Christmas Craft & Bake sale. THANKS to all who helped with the kickoff to make it a success!

The Peace Youth Ministry is on Facebook! We are trying to connect with our youth through the internet. Much of today's youth communicate solely through technology, so we've created these groups to invite, inform and update students with what's happening at Peace that pertains to them.

One of the groups is directed to 9th-12th graders and called "Peace DIG." The other group is geared towards the 7th and 8th graders and is called "Peace Youth." If you have a son or daughter in one of these age ranges, or know of someone who is, please inform them of these groups. This is an exciting opportunity, so please spread the word and invite as many people as you know.

If you have any questions, please contact Brooke Vasilko at brookevasilko@hotmail.com.

Important dates for October:

9th Grade:

Retreat: Be at Peace by 6:45 A.M. on Oct. 1, return Oct. 2.

Confirmation meetings: 6:00 - 7:15 P.M. on Oct. 5;
on Oct. 12, meet at Peace for conference-wide
Confirmation event at Vinje (return about 8:45)

Faith statement interviews: 10/13, 10/17, 10/18, 10/19, 10/20.

Practice and pictures: Oct. 26, 6:15 P.M.

Rite of Confirmation: Oct. 30; be here by 9:30 A.M.

DIG—every Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

7th & 8th Grade:

Confirmation meets Oct. 5; Conference-wide event Oct. 12
(NO Confirmation Oct. 19 or 26).

After-Game Special 9:00—11:00 PM on Friday, Oct. 7 at
Peace. Cost: \$2.00

Wednesday, October 12—ALL Confirmation students (grades 7, 8 and 9) will attend the fall Conference-wide Confirmation event at Vinje Lutheran Church in Willmar. Please be at Peace at 5:30 P.M. We will arrive back at church at approximately 8:30—8:45 P.M.

Sunday School

We offer Sunday School at two different times. At 9:45, Preschool through Kindergarten Sunday School is divided by age: 3-year-olds, 4/5-year olds and Kindergarteners who stay in their classrooms. 1st-4th graders are in rotational Sunday School where they study the same story over several weeks in a number of different ways. The 5th & 6th graders use a "Grapple" curriculum based on everyday situations and questions that 5th & 6th graders have. During the 10:45 AM worship service, we have Large Group Sunday School (LGSS). Children are dismissed from worship in two groups (Preschool—Kindergarten and 1st-4th grade). These children study the same materials as those who attend at 9:45 AM. Your child may attend either time.

9:45 Sunday School

Pre-K - Children meet in the Music Room. Pick-up your child in class room.

1st-4th Grades - Children meet and should be picked up in the gym.

Oct. 2, 9 and 16 - "**David the Boy**" Oct. 23 and 30- "**The Gift of Jesus**"

5th & 6th Grades - Children meet in the Club 56 room and are picked up in the gym

Oct. 2 and 9 - "**Why Can't I Sleep In?**" Turn in permission forms and \$10 for Como Zoo Trip on Oct. 9.

Oct. 16—**COMO ZOO trip**. Load Bus at 7:45am, Leaving at 8am, Returning at 6pm DO NOT bring anything that is of value to you, we DO NOT want anything LOST or STOLEN!

Oct. 23 and 30 - "**God's Enemies**"

LGSS—dismissed from 10:45 worship

Pre-K and

1st-4th Grades

(NO 5-6 Sunday School at this time)

Other Opportunities

A **benefit** will be held for **ELI MARTENS** on Saturday, October 8 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the New London American Legion. A chicken dinner will be served (11—3). There will be a Silent Auction from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M., a “Man Auction” (bid for handyman services) at 2:00 P.M. and a meat raffle at 4:00 P.M. Raffle tickets are also for sale at the New London American Legion and United Prairie Bank for a freezer, a gas grill and some cash prizes.



Benefit Dinner

The Norway Lake parish is hosting a **Benefit Dinner for Lori Rupp Hjelle** on Sunday, October 9 from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. at First Lutheran Church of Norway Lake. The event also includes a Silent Auction, Bake Sale and Lefse Making. A free will donation will be received for the dinner; supplemental funds have been applied for through Kandiyohi Co. Chapter #31307 of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

STILL MISSING . . . Has anyone seen a plastic bag containing 20 “**Little Dresses for Africa**”? They were created by Opal Johnson. The sooner we find them, the sooner we can send them on to their destination. Thank you!



We will have a Christmas craft and bake sale again this year! This event is a fundraiser for our Youth Ministry. If you sew, crochet, embroider, knit, cross stitch, quilt, glue or otherwise produce craft items, please consider donating something to this sale. Baked goods and homemade candy are also greatly appreciated. This sale is a fun day to shop for delicious Christmas treats and gifts.

The sale will take place on Sunday, December 4 from 8:00 until 11:30 A.M. Crafts should be delivered to church by 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, December 3; please bring baked goods by 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, December 4.



The New London - Spicer MOPS group (**Mothers of PreSchoolers**) is in need of a few good **volunteers**. Our need is primarily in the toddler room and occasionally in the 2- or 3-year-old room. We are also looking for someone to read the story and another to teach the craft at each meeting. We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 9:30-11:30 at the Evangelical Covenant Church in New London. If you would be willing to help out regularly or occasionally, please contact Becky Sarsland.

October Anniversaries (continued)

13 – Jerry & Cindy Rondeau

14 - Jim & Carol Sandin

15 – Gordy & Carole Freeman, Shane & Susan Saari

16 - Dean & Sherry Bigalke, Brent & Debra Ringler

17 - James & Ruth Leipold, Matt & Alyssa Thompson

18 – Chad & Michelle Kosel

19 – Gene & Nola Brinton, Todd & Charlie Olson

20 – Jamin & Jayme Anderson, Jon Ashburn & Lisa Nelson-Ashburn, Sam & Jane Drodofsky, Earl & Violet Manson

21 - Brad & Nancy Arneson, Bill & Stacy Pollard

22 – Garrett & Amanda McCain

23 – Jerry & Nancy Augustson

24 - Jon & Sherri Austvold, Bob & Sandy Beck, DeWayne & Olive Olson, Scott & Lyn Olson

25 - Joe & Jessica Delzer, Lloyd & Julie Nelson

27 - Jimmy & Kimberly Montpetit

28 - Shawn & Amy Hanson, Mike & Carmen Macik

29 - Robert & Beverly Plumley, Herb & JoAnn Rhoda, Tim & Janet Whetston



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Carter Bakken, Claudia Balay, Jeff Grefe, Jackie Jeffords, Eric Loterbauer, Lonny Loterbauer, Joan Reffling, Austin Stone, Jim Vossen

2 – Arianna Bartlett, Steve Rambow

3 - Kathy Norstedt, Robinette Smith

4 - Lori Brown, Lori Carrigan, Hannah Stehn

5 - Kevin Acquard, Marie Bakke, Dustin Bleess, Rick Palmquist

6 - Dan DeGeest, Bridget Kessler, Jan Kleinschmidt

7 - Kody Aasen, Amy Dilley, Sarah Goelz, Burt Lundberg

8 - Kathy Dahlberg, Miller Holland, Brandon Lang, Adison Larsen, Daniel Riebe, Jeff Schmidt

9 – Brandyn Anderson, Landin Brink, Justin Forbrook, Blake Johnson, Kelsey Johnson, Andrea Karnes, Erin Loterbauer, Nicole Monson, Jennifer Stone

10 - Nancy Arneson, Jason Long, Ellie Otteson

11 - Aaron Anderson, Mavis Jante, Alison Sarsland

12 - Caleb Arneson, Sherri Bezdicek, Trudie Lieser, Dillon Pulsifer, Allison Somody

13 –Rachel Friedrich, Aric Harrier, David Manson, Heather Voge

14 – Chris Degner, Mike Kastel, Nikki Kelley

15 - Linda Allen, Derek Boonstra, Lori Holmberg, Violet Johnson, Ashley Larsen, Larry Miller, Ashleigh Parker, Ilah Schwartz, Landon Tanner

16 - Alecia Kaelke, Chad Mithaugen, Brandon Nelson, Al Sing, Briena Triplett, Nicole Weiss

17 - Tara Bonnema, Ashley Hansen, Julie Meyer, Corbin Schwartz, Karen Simonson, Jeremiah Wadsworth

18 – Chris Hacker, Cora Koosmann, Samantha Saxe, Stewart Terhark, Riley Worth

19 – Alicia Jacobs, Courtney Kotzenmacher, Jan Marquardt, Madison Mithaugen, Grace Straus, Charlene Zwart

20 - Eric Hanson, Charlie Lundberg, Susan Werner, Troy Wright



21 - Erik Johnson, Hayley Lungstrom

22 - Sharon Acquard, Duane Barber, Tara Bishop, Gary Bullemer, Staci Gjerde, Julie Iverson

23 - Michael Dahlberg, John Knisley, Brett Larsen, Tom Leite, Ben Nelson, Dana Schroeder, Nick Ventrella

24 – Hunter Amundson, Brett Chesness, Randy Nelson, Samantha Ommodt, Brandon Oss

25 - Laurie Hanson, John Jacobson, Gordy Krupke, Vonnie Loterbauer, Clarion Manson, Sheila Michaud, Brad Nelson, Karen Nelson, Lori Williams

26 - Sarah Arnold, Muriel Bengtson, Jodi Christensen, Patricia Koll, Sadie Nass, Jen Revier, Troy Travis, Daryl Turnquist

27 - Erica Acquard, Larry Bajari, Rae Baumann, Nola Brinton, Robin Dohmann, Brandy Erickson, Geri Johnson, Kathy Kessler, Shawn Kuperus, Ruby Lundberg, Avery Palmquist, Sharon Samuelson, Jim Terhark

28 - Ellie Koth, Miah Larson, Jeremiah Schmeichel, Brenda Swenson

29 - Jean Iverson, Robin Sult, Adeline Thompson

30 – Kristin Blokzyl, Jeff Boonstra, Jane Hjelle, Carleigh Johnson, Julie Johnson

31 - Sherri Austvold, Emery Barber, Gaige Knisley, Alan Long, Mark Thompson

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 – Travis & Tifanie Carlson, Matt & Racquel Skindeliem, Chuck & Pat Wright

3 – Trevor & Kirby Soupir

5 - Steve & Debbie Schwaegerl

6 - Craig & Lynn Edwards, Chad & Jennifer Renstrom, Steven & Carla Rice, Lee & Kimberly Wendlandt

7 – Brent & Dana Koosmann, Ryan & Gail Newville, Virgil & Marlene Swanson

10 - Kevin & Lynette Hodgson

11 – Erik & Kristie Johnson



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FALL FESTIVAL

The Annual Community Fall Festival will be held on Monday, **October 31** from **4:30 to 6:00 P.M.** for children age 10 and under. The cost is \$2.00 per child—or a max of \$5 per family. There will be games and treats all in one place! Costumes are welcome, but not required. No registration is required; this event is open to all children in the New London-Spicer area.

Parents, please plan to stay with your child.

Hosted by Peace 7th & 8th grade Confirmation students
as a service project.

