



Voice of Peace

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Happenings

By Pastor Al

As we go into the summer, most of you are aware that we have had a team of folks examining the many parts of the roof of our Church building. By now, Peace families have received a letter from our lay leadership about the project.

We have received a generous bequest of \$23,500 which will allow us to begin the repair work on two sections of the roof. The church council has accepted low bids to insulate the underside of the two roof sections and replace the sheeting and shingles on those two sections of roof.



The appeal that we are making will be to get to the next larger (upper south) section of the roof. This one is double the size of the first two sections and will most likely involve around \$40,000 more in re-roofing costs. Most of us aren't aware of the massive roof spans we have on the building and the need to keep them in good repair. The gifts we receive on this appeal will stay in a roof repair fund, and we will repair sections of the roof as we have funds to do so. If we can match the initial \$23,500, we'll get Pastor Kathy up on the roof!

Thank you for your generous support of this repair project. We hope to get a good response to this need by June 19 so we can get to the next large section of roof.



As you receive this newsletter, we will be into our summer schedule with worship at church at 8:30 and 10:30 A.M. (note change of worship time for summer). The Park service is at 9:30 A.M. We are thankful for the many musical talents that are present here in our congregation as we provide music for three services every Sunday this summer. Brooke Vasilko is coordinating the musicians for each of our Sunday worship services this summer. If you have family coming home over a weekend, and they could provide some special music for a service, leave a message with our church office for Brooke.

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

Greeters

June 5
 8:30 Jim & Toots Van De Riet
 10:45 Chad & Melissa Straus
 June 12
 8:30 Jim & Toots Van De Riet
 10:15 Burt & Toots Lundberg
 June 19
 8:30 Randy & Martha Alsleben
 10:15 Jerry & Nancy Augustson
 June 26
 8:30 James & Jennifer Olson
 10:15 Allan & Paula Turnquist

Ushers

8:30 Fritz & Skip Domke
 Dean & LaVaughn Govig
 Troy Knutson
 10:45
 June 5 - Matt Holland Family
 June 12 - Gary Pickle Family
 June 19 - Mike Macik Family
 June 26 - Skip Wright Family

Altar Guild

Joyce Johnson, Chm.
 Sandy Czcalla
 Bev Dresser
 LeeAnn Hjelle
 Mary Kuperus
 Trudie Lieser
 Kathy Norstedt
 Jackie Orson
 Jeanette Torgerson
 Sherry Wadsworth



Outdoor Worship

Join us at beautiful **Sibley State Park** for outdoor worship this summer. Services are at 9:30 A.M. at the amphitheater. **Remember to get a park pass from the visitor's center.**

There is NO Peace Van in June or July



Adult Forums

The **Relay for Life** team will be serving coffee and goodies during June. Proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. Luminaries will be for sale in memory of - or in honor of - someone affected by cancer. The Kandiyohi County Relay for Life will be held July 22-23 at the Willmar Jr. High track. Plan to be there!



Simply Giving

Simply Giving is an automatic contribution program run by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. It is so convenient to use - especially when travels may take you away from Peace. Consider this method for your stewardship and have your contribution automatically deducted from your account. If you have any questions, or you are interested in joining other congregation members who are using **Simply Giving**, please call the church office (354-2774).

Financial Report ~ Jan.- April

	Budget	Actual
YTD Income		
General Fund	\$144,292	\$142,142
Mortgage Fund	42,309	32,750
Maintenance Fund	19,733	13,620
Mission Fund	11,853	10,832
ELCA Synod Fund	4,000	4,565
Youth Fund	5,500	4,461
Offering for Month	57,806	64,234
YTD Expenses		
General Fund	153,042	151,438
Mortgage Fund	42,309	23,232
Maintenance Fund	18,817	18,719
Mission Fund	10,103	9,288
ELCA Synod Fund	4,000	3,514
Youth Fund	9,767	4,276

Mortgage Information

Total cost of Project	\$2,529,362
Original Balance	1,731,684
Interest Paid to Date	435,183
Principal Paid to Date	757,848
Remaining Balance	1,189,753

Building Peace by Piece

Amount Pledged (Nov. 2004-Present)	\$1,703,509
Amount Received to Date	1,335,703
Difference	367,806

News from the Call Committee

We've been busier since Easter. We are in different stages with the candidates, because of how the names have been coming in. The first candidates we have screened, conducted visits with the ones that we felt were a fit, and are setting up a second interview with one on this list. Then, we have our second round of names. We have gone through their paperwork, and have conducted or are about to conduct visits with them. A third list of names is in the process of setting up interview times, and we were informed of a fourth set that we will have to read through to see if these are candidates to talk with. The synod has been sending us a few names at a time. It appears that there is a procedure they have to go through; they cannot just release a name to us unless that person agrees to it. Plus the paperwork that these candidates have to fill out is a little more detailed and longer than any job

applications that I've ever done. Some of these candidates have just decided recently that maybe they are ready to take another call. Some of the people on the Call Committee have gone onto the websites of the churches of some of the candidates to view or listen to their church services. Some candidates have sent us DVD's and tapes for us to see.

We are all hoping that one will stand out for us to recognize, but we also have talked about not bringing a name to the congregation unless we feel good about that person as being a good fit for us. I know some have talked about a timetable when this next pastor will be here. That's God's timetable, not ours. So keep those prayers coming, we certainly need them. Hopefully we will have more news next month.

Norm Wrase

Summer Bible Study: King Jesus 101

In this 6-week Bible study, we will study the life and teaching of Jesus. The study will be held on Wednesdays from 8:30 to 9:30 A.M. in the Conference Room beginning June 8. Questions? Call Marie Bakke (354-2153).

You are invited to a **Healing Harp Concert** on Saturday, June 18 at 7:00 P.M. at Hope Presbyterian Church. Join us for an evening of relaxation, reflection and rejuvenation, featuring live harp music by Tami Briggs, readings and powerful stories. Tami Briggs is a therapeutic harpist, a composer and a recording artist. She has released 13 CDs and has also written two books.

Happenings *(continued from front cover)*

I will be half-time with you in June and then back full time in July and on until a new pastor is secured. Your call committee is working diligently at interviewing pastors. Keep them in your prayers.

The church council has also been reviewing and updating the church constitution. The last updating was in January of 1993, so there are some additions that need to be made. We will have printed copies of the document available for your review this summer, and, at a specially called congregational meeting, we will present the updated constitution. It will take a second congregational meeting to put it into effect. One of the parts of the constitution that we have been revising is the by-laws for the Peace Lutheran Trust Fund, a place where gifts and bequests can be given and invested, and perpetually give to the mission of the church.



God's blessings as you enjoy the beauty of summer.

Pastor Allan Bjorklund

In Our Prayers

Births:

Owen John Heying, son of Justin & Alison (Williams) Heying



Baptisms:

May 1 - Brett Richard Achman, son of Erik & Erica (Gjerde) Achman

Weddings:

5/7 - Adam & Kayla (Timm) Mathwig



People who were in Peace Prayers in May:

Jason Dahlberg, Staci Gjerde, Imo Lothert, LaVern Luther, Eli Martens, Wayne Norstedt, Nathan Rogalski, Robin Sult, Bruce (Spoonie) Vogt, Vickie Vogt.

Our Sympathy to:

The Family of Nicole White

The Family of Halee Lucas

The Family of Jim DeVaan

Memorials and Special Gifts:

Helen Dullum (Patty Knutson's mother) - monetary gifts were given to Music Ministry and MOP

Nicole White - a monetary gift was given to Children's Education by Jack & Janet White*

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

Thank You

Thank you all for your thoughts, cards, visits, flowers, food and prayers for the past month for my husband and me. Spoonie continues with dialysis at Rice Hospital three days a week, and I am getting back on my feet from having a total knee replacement! Without your prayers and God's help, we couldn't have made it!

Sincerely,

Spoonie and Vickie Vogt

Thanks to all who brought food for the farewell potluck on May 1 for Bill and Mary Miller. Thanks also to those who worked in the kitchen, and a special thank you for our hard-working dishwashers, Graden West and Jim Van De Riet.

I also want to thank Carolyn Fiskness for the wonderful, music-oriented centerpieces and for all the art work she does at Peace with bulletin boards and other projects. We appreciate her talents!

Pastor Kathy

The Tea & Table Setting Event Committee would like to thank everyone who helped with this event!

Thanks to: all the women who made cookies and special treats to serve, everyone who agreed to do a table setting display, all who loaned quilts for display, the volunteers who helped hang the quilts, those who loaned dishes for our serving tables, all those sharing musical talents, the volunteers who typed the stories and put the booklet together, Heritage Falls for agreeing to be a ticket site, Kathy and Tom for moving tables, the photographers, all the volunteers who helped serve . . . and anyone who helped in any way. Last, but not least, thank you to all who attended and thereby supported the Daucsavage family. You are all true servants!



Dear Peace Congregation,

Thanks so much for the Advent stole. I will wear it proudly. I think and pray and thank God for Peace. Thanks to all of you who put together a wonderful get together for Mary and me. We are truly blessed!

Bill and Mary Miller

Peace Lutheran Women (PLW)

June 2 9:00 – Noon Christian Service Day
Noon PLW Board meeting

June 9 **9:00 AM** PLW celebrates the annual
“Coffee in Downtown New London.”
We will meet in the back room at
McKale’s at 9:00 AM for a “Dutch
treat” coffee time and a brief program.
See you there!



Know your Leaders

Peace Women have been represented in Lakeland Conference and the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the Women of the ELCA. Carol Monson served a term as treasurer of Lakeland Conference. Bev Nelson finished four years representing Lakeland Conference on the SW MN Synodical Women’s nominating committee. Shari Christiansen was our delegate to the 24th annual Synodical Women’s Convention in Granite Falls on May 14. Bev Nelson also attended, along with 300 other women from the SW MN Synod.

Quilters

Peace Lutheran Women have contributed a quilt to each of the Green Lake Bible Camp quilt auctions. We are so appreciative for the faithful quilters who work each week until the quilt has been completed. This year’s stitchers were: Helen Jo Leaf, Beth Lindgren, Opal Johnson, Val Foster, Donna Vosika and Diane Wohnoutka. Harriet Erickson oversees the project. Is there an able stitcher or two who would join the group to work on the “Quilt of 2012”? More hands make lighter work! Be sure to mark your calendar for this year’s Quilt Auction—Saturday, July 23 at 11:30 P.M.



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. The summer Bible Study is “Renew, Respond, Rejoice!” This three-session study carries the theme of the 8th ELCA Women’s



Triennial Gathering. This study will explore how we can renew our faith lives, respond to God’s call, and rejoice in our many blessings. All women are invited to join a circle. The Bible study is found in the magazine, Lutheran Woman Today. A year’s subscription is \$12 and can be ordered from:

LWT Subscription Order Center
Box 1209
Minneapolis, MN 55440-8730

or you can order online at www.augsburgfortress.org.

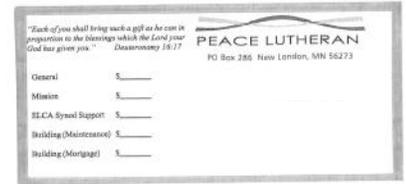
You are welcome to attend one of these groups (usual meeting times):

- 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
(will not meet in the summer)

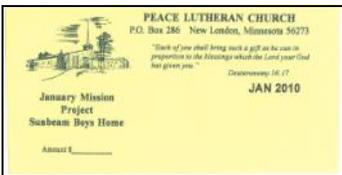
Mission: Possible!

By Carol Roverud

Your gifts on the **“Mission”** line will fund missions that our whole congregation supports through our **church budget**. At our congregational meeting each year, the congregation votes to approve this mission budget. These missions include: Lutheran Social Service, Campus Ministry at Ridgewater, Paz y Esperanza Church in Willmar, Peoples Church in Bemidji, our ELCA Missionary family, Peace Missionary (Bryan Blomker), Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, The Link, a pastor-trainee in India, World Hunger, and Sunbeam Boys’ Home in Jamaica. Money given on the “Mission” line is divided between these missions. Through mission giving, we share Christ with others. Thank you for your support of our congregational mission budget.



You can also give to support the mission of the Southwest Minnesota Synod of the ELCA (of which Peace is a member). Gifts on the **ELCA Synod Support** line are sent to our SW MN synod which provides support for congregations through workshops, gatherings of leaders, sharing of resources; facilitates the Call process for congregational leadership; provides reconciliation ministry for churches in conflict; equips congregational leaders; provides funding to Luther Seminary and Campus Ministry; and supports the men’s, women’s and youth ministries of the synod. The Synod sends 52.5% of this offering to the ELCA national office.



Each month, we also have a **“Special Mission Focus.”** These are listed on the **yellow envelope** in the package of church envelopes you receive in the mail. Offerings given in the yellow envelope go completely to the mission listed. Members may choose to support some or all of the special mission projects.

June Special Focus: Campus Ministry / Green Lake Bible Camp

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Ridgewater College has been active there for nearly 40 years. Drawing on the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, Campus Ministry bears witness to God’s amazing grace within the context of higher education. Sensitive to the pastoral needs of those on campus and engaged in the intellectual discourse of the university, Campus Ministry strives to communicate the Gospel in fresh ways.

Through worship, study, fellowship, and service, members of the academic community experience the fullness of God’s grace. Campus Ministry reaches out to all who teach and learn, inviting them to experience the challenge of following Jesus on the Way.

Green Lake Bible Camp has made a difference in the lives of thousands of young people since its beginning. The people who regularly attend worship, teach Sunday School and confirmation, sing in the choir, serve on the church council and participate in countless other ministries often have a common denominator — a Bible Camp experience. A majority of pastors point to a camp experience as pivotal in their discernment of their call to ministry. Camp is one of the best feeder systems the church has, helping to provide future leaders for ministry. Plus, it is lots of fun! As a congregation, we encourage students to have a Bible Camp experience, and we support Green Lake Lutheran Ministries.



Mission offerings in the yellow envelope in June will be divided between Campus Ministry and Green Lake Bible Camp. Checks may be made to “MOP—June mission.”

More Mission Opportunities



There will be another **Garden Tour** this year as a fund raiser for Food for Kidz (formerly “Kids Against Hunger”). The tour will take place on Thursday, July 21 and will include five beautiful gardens, special music, talented artists, colorful quilts and delicious treats.

You won't want to miss this fun time! The cost for tickets will be \$9.00 (or \$10 at the first garden you visit). Mark your calendars for this special fund-raising event.

Proceeds from the tour will be used to pay for the food products used in a food packaging event when we join with the Norway Lake Parish in November. Plan to participate this fall!



Tuesday's Table

The June Tuesday's Table at Peace will be June 28. We always need volunteers! Could you bring a gallon of milk? Bake bars? Help serve? Sit (eat) and visit with other guests? Please call Carol Roverud (354-2774) if you would like to get involved in this ministry! Many thanks to all those who have helped in previous months!

Mark your calendars for **July 17** when the **ELCA missionaries** our congregation sponsors will be with us at Peace. Pastor Eric Anspach-Hanson is serving as pastor of Tokyo Lutheran Church in Japan, and his wife, Christie Hanson, works with youth ministry in the church. They have recently celebrated the arrival of their first child, a daughter, Aleaha. Plan to come and hear them speak about their ministry. Pastor Eric will preach at the 8:30 and 10:30 services and present an Adult Forum at 9:30 A.M.



News from The LINK - Naomi Mahler, director

Thanks for your help! Over the past few months, many different volunteers have served The Link. Some of you have helped at our New London site, some of you worked as a group from your church serving a Tuesday's Table meal, others helped at our Drop-n-Shop and still others helped move furniture. WOW—we could not do all that we do without you. Check out the current volunteer opportunities to see how else you can help. One way we build community is to serve each other; thanks for giving back!

Volunteer Opportunities:

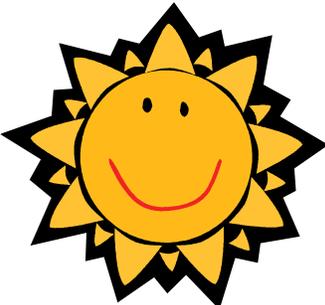
- Plumber or Electrician Handyman—home repair for a client
- Computer help—internet set-up, Web page for the Link
- Wood Cutter—Help cut wood/trees in yard

To volunteer, please call Naomi at 796-2522 or email: flc_naomi@tds.net.

Much of the primary financial support for The Link in its first three years has come from a grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. We are grateful for the generosity of this organization that helped get The Link up and running. However, that grant period ends at the end of June. Since January, the Link has provided financial assistance to help meet the basic needs of 50 households. In addition, we have served many other households through our Household Item Exchange.

In order for the good work of The Link to continue, we need additional on-going support from individual community members as well as the area churches. Donations to The Link help us create a community where God's love is known and everyone is able to meet their basic needs.

Donations may be made to “MOP—The Link” and placed in the offering plate.

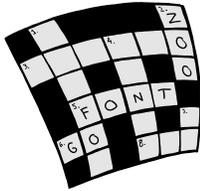
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		
<p>5</p> <p>8:30 AM Summer Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>9:30 AM Sibley Park Worship</p> <p>10:30 AM Summer Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>2:00 PM NL-S Graduation (High School)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:30 PM Women's Bible Study "Faces of Grief"</p> <p>6:00 PM Garden Club (Fireside Room)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p> <p>9:00 AM—10:00 PM Valleyfair Trip</p> <p>9:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 PM Agape ChristCare</p>
<p>12—Synod Assembly at Gustavus</p> <p>8:30 AM Summer Worship</p> <p>9:30 AM Sibley Park Worship</p> <p>10:30 AM Summer Worship</p> <p>2:00-5:00 PM Open House Graduation Celebration for Brandon Dahlberg (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 PM Garden Tour meeting (Conference Room)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p> <p>9:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 PM Agape ChristCare</p> <p>5:30-7:00 PM Restorative Justice</p>
<p>19—FATHER'S DAY</p> <p>8:30 AM Summer Worship</p> <p>9:30 AM Sibley Park Worship</p> <p>10:30 AM Summer Worship</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p> <p>9:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 PM Agape ChristCare</p> <p>5:30 PM Finance Committee</p> <p>6:00 PM VBS Meeting—Fireside Room</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8:30 AM Summer Worship</p> <p>9:30 AM Sibley Park Worship</p> <p>10:30 AM Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p> <p>9:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 PM Agape ChristCare</p> <p>5:30-7:00 PM Restorative Justice</p> <p>6:00 PM Tuesday's Table</p>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM “Create Art Together”</p> <p>11:00 AM Hospitality ChristCare</p> <p>12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar (YMCA)</p> <p>3:30 PM Movie in the Youth Room</p> <p>7:30 PM Baccalaureate at the High School</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 AM Bible Study at McKale’s</p> <p>9:00 AM Christian Service Day</p> <p>10:45 AM GlenOaks Holy Communion</p> <p>12:00 PM PLW Executive Board</p> <p>3:15—5:00 PM Campus Life HS (last until fall)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:00 PM Wedding rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p> <p>3:00 PM Wedding of Heather Fredeen & Jeremy Mertz</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 AM Bible Study: King Jesus 101 (Conf. Room)</p> <p>9:00 AM “Create Art Together”</p> <p>11:00 AM Hospitality ChristCare</p> <p>12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar (YMCA)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 AM Bible Study at McKale’s</p> <p>9:00 AM Legion Quilting</p> <p>9:00 AM PLW meet at McKale’s</p>	<p>10—Synod Assembly at Gustavus</p> <p>2:00 PM West-Ender’s ChristCare</p> <p>6:00 PM Wedding rehearsal and groom’s dinner</p>	<p>11— Synod Assembly at Gustavus</p> <p>4:00 PM Wedding of Jackie Haney & Jerry Skluzacek</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 AM Bible Study: King Jesus 101 (CR)</p> <p>9:00 AM “Create Art Together”</p> <p>11:00 AM Hospitality ChristCare</p> <p>12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar (YMCA)</p> <p>5:30 PM Executive Committee</p> <p>6:00 PM Mission Committee (MOP) (Fireside Room)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 AM Bible Study at McKale’s</p> <p>9:00 AM Bethlehem Circle at McKale’s</p> <p>9:30 AM Bethany Circle at GlenOaks</p> <p>1:30 PM Nazareth Circle (FR)</p> <p>6:30 PM NLS CIA Mtg. (FH)</p> <p>NO Cana Circle/Altar Guild in the summer</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 AM—Noon Open House Bridal Shower for Amie Hammer & Trevor Bakker</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 AM Bible Study: King Jesus 101 (CR)</p> <p>9:00 AM “Create Art Together”</p> <p>11:00 AM Hospitality ChristCare</p> <p>12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar (YMCA)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30 AM Bible Study at McKale’s</p> <p>11:00 AM Caregiver’s Discussion Group</p> <p>3:30 PM Memorial Trust meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>2:00 PM West-Ender’s ChristCare</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Chanhassen Dinner Theater Tour—“Jesus Christ Superstar”</p> <p>8:30 AM Bible Study: King Jesus 101 (CR)</p> <p>9:00 AM “Create Art Together”</p> <p>12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar (YMCA)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30 AM Bible Study at McKale’s</p>	<p>Mark your calendars:</p> <p><u>Garden Tour:</u> Thursday, July 21</p> <p><u>New London Water Days:</u> July 21-24</p> <p><u>Green Lake Bible Camp Quilt Auction:</u> July 23</p> <p><u>Vacation Bible School:</u> August 1-4</p>	

I've heard it so many times lately: "I can't remember." That often triggers anxiety about memory loss and more significant problems. Sometimes, "I can't remember" is understandable. Everyone forgets things occasionally. Still, memory loss is nothing to take lightly.

There are no guaranteed ways to prevent memory loss, but some activities can help. Mayo Clinic has suggested seven tips to keep yourself mentally active and sharpen your memory. I hope you consider these seven simple ways to sharpen your memory - and know when to seek help for more serious memory loss.

1- **Stay mentally active.** Just as physical activity helps keep your body in shape, mentally-stimulating activities help keep your brain in shape: do crossword puzzles, read a section of the newspaper that you normally skip, learn to play a musical instrument or volunteer.



2- **Socialize regularly.** Social interaction helps ward off depression and stress, both of which can contribute to memory loss. Look for opportunities to get together with friends, family, and others, especially if you live alone.



3- **Get organized.** You are more likely to forget things if your home is cluttered and your notes are in disarray. Jot down tasks, appointments, and other items in a special place or on a calendar. Keep "to do" lists current, and check off items when completed. Keep your keys, wallet, and phone in a consistent place.



4- **Focus.** Limit distractions, and don't try to do too many things at once. If you focus on the information that you're trying to remember, you'll be more likely to recall it later.

5- **Eat a healthy diet.** A heart-healthy diet may be as good for your brain as it is for your heart. Focus on fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Choose low fat

protein sources such as fish, lean meat and skinless poultry. Make sure you drink enough water, but not too much alcohol.

6- Include **physical activity** in your daily routine.

Physical activity increases blood flow to your whole body including your brain. This may help keep your memory sharp. For most healthy adults, the Department of Health and Human Services recommends at least 150 minutes a week of vigorous aerobic activity, preferably spread throughout the week. If you don't have time for a full workout, squeeze in a few ten-minute walks throughout the day.



7- **Manage chronic conditions.** Follow your doctor's treatment recommendations for any chronic conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and depression. The better you take care of yourself, the better your memory is likely to be. In addition, review your medications with your doctor regularly. Various medications can impact memory.

If you're worried about memory loss - especially if memory loss affects your ability to complete your usual daily activities - consult your doctor. He or she will likely do a physical exam, as well as check your memory and problem-solving skills. Sometimes, other tests are needed as well. Treatment will depend on what's contributing to the memory loss. And, most important of all - remember Faith, it is very good for your health.

Becky West, Your Parish Nurse



Please remember to contact the church office, pastors or parish nurse with any prayer needs. I prefer you call me at home (354-5373), and if I don't answer, please record a message. Your Peace staff cares, but we need to be notified of concerns so we can help.

Few people have had as much influence on the direction of history as that of Constantine the Great (285-337). The Roman Empire had spent years attempting to extinguish the flame of Christianity. They used torture and executed many believers, but the movement would not die. Tertullian, the early church theologian, made the famous comment that “the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.” As the persecution intensified, the numbers grew. By about the year 300, it became apparent Christianity could not be rubbed out.

The Emperor, Constantine, who assumed the office in 306, was instrumental in bringing about a major turning point in the history of Christianity. The story goes that on the eve of the Battle of Milvian Bridge in 313, Constantine had a dream or vision of a monogram composed of the first two Greek letters of the name of Christ. He instructed his troops to inscribe the monogram on their shields and helmets. This emblem became the famous “Chi-Rho.”

It is also said that as the army marched along, they saw the image of a cross appearing before the sun with the words, *In hoc signo vinces* (“in this sign conqueror”). Shortly after the victory, Constantine issued the historic Edict of Milan, which officially granted toleration of Christianity in the Roman Empire.

Constantine, as emperor, achieved a number of accomplishments. One success was the founding of the city of Constantinople (Istanbul) on the strategic Straits of Bosphorus. However, Constantine is most remembered for his religious policies. In addition to granting official toleration of Christianity, he is known for convening the historic Council of Nicea in 325.

A religious controversy called “Arianism” had surfaced within the Christian churches of the empire. A minister by the name of Arius began to teach that Jesus was not part of the eternal Godhead but instead was the first being that God had created. In effect, Arius was saying that Christ was similar to God, but not the same. One slogan expressed this view saying, “There was a time when the Son was not.”

Standing in opposition were traditional church leaders who insisted that the Son was identical or of the same essence as the Father. Athanasius, a spokesman for this view, stated that if the Son was not the same as the Father, he could not be fully divine, making him an unsatisfactory substitute for our

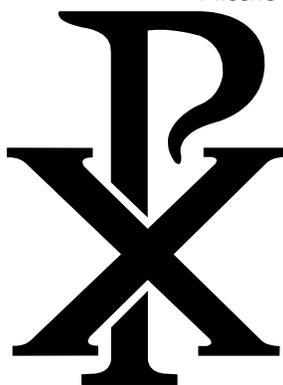
sin. Thus all humanity would be damned. The traditional or orthodox side also put their thoughts to music. It became known as the *Gloria Patri*, “Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.”

The controversy became so bitter and intense that Constantine feared that it would undermine the unity of the empire. He called for a general church council at Nicea in the year 325 to resolve the matter. The orthodox statement produced at Nicea, with some later modification, became one of the great creeds of the Christian Church, The Nicene Creed. Part of this creed reads: “We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father . . . true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation . . .

Constantine was a shrewd politician, but he did not understand the implications and intricacies of theology. He supported the traditional orthodox view because he desired an official position that would serve as “glue” cementing Imperial unity. This brings us to a discussion of Constantine’s commitment to the faith. Was he an adroit statesman who recognized the political value of befriending the burgeoning Christian movement? Or did he have a genuine personal commitment to the faith? We do not have access to his personal thoughts, so we are left to look at his official actions.

He was not baptized until late in life, but his actions and policies show the influence of Christian compassion. The granting of toleration status to Christians, along with more humane treatment of prisoners and slaves and the banning of gladiatorial games are such examples.

One conclusion is obvious. The relationship between the Church and secular politics began to intertwine, and this would have significant implications for the future of Christianity. When Christianity became the favored religion of the state, people flocked to the churches because it was the thing to do. It provided opportunity for social prestige and advancement. When faced with persecution, Christian commitment was motivated by conviction. After Constantine, the motivation might be different. The persecuted church became a church surrounded and influenced by pomp and power.





"For nothing is impossible with God."

Luke 1:37

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 1 - 4 from 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Cost is \$8 per child

Meal from 5:00-5:30 P.M.

Cost for meal is \$3 per person with a
max of \$12 per family

That's right ... I'm talking VBS!!! Make sure to sign your child up early this year! We are working with the **GoFish** guys this year, "Backstage With the Bible!"

This VBS is going to ROCK, so make sure to sign up your child early to insure they will get a complete CD and an "Official" Back-stage Pass! The pass will allow your child to go backstage at a real live GoFish concert, should they attend one!

Oh! Don't forget to bring your BIBLE to Vacation Bible School that week!!!



The Child Jesus

Jesus was once a little child,
And very much like me,
He played and romped, and every night
He knelt at mother's knee.
But Jesus never did a wrong;
As we so often do;
He always did the Father's will
And pleased his parents, too.
The boys and girls of Nazareth
With whom he used to play
Had always just the nicest time
Throughout the happy day.
Let's try to be like Jesus, then,
It would please Him well, I know.
And if we really strive for this
Earth will be Heaven below.



Go Fish is a Christian musical group originally from Minnesota. When the acclaimed family entertainers hatched a seemingly hair-brained scheme to bring hymns to

kids, the group—who, among numerous accolades, has appeared on The Today Show and performed before a capacity crowd at St. Paul's Xcel Energy Center—just might have known what they were doing. Members, Jamie Statema, Jason Folkmann and Andy Selness, have two goals: to share the Gospel and to teach the importance of the Bible.

For a band that aimed to be the next dcTalk, and now consistently sells-out children's concerts from coast to coast, it is apparent how truly unique *GoFish* is. While hymns might not be the obvious choice for a new kids' album, you also won't find many touring bands creating their own Vacation Bible School curriculum to pair with it. Originally released in 2009, "Backstage With the Bible" was the band's first VBS curriculum, and has been used in over a thousand churches to date.

This will be a fun VBS with great music, exciting activities and important faith lessons. Don't miss it!

A number of items are needed for Vacation Bible School. If you can bring any of the following, it would be appreciated! We need:

- 1 gallon bleach
- 1 bottle iodine
- Egyptian decorations
- 2 trumpets
- 2 mountain backdrops



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8th Graders – A huge thank you to all of the wonderful 8th graders who helped with the ditch clean up for their LAST time, and an extra thank you to Scott Balay, Marcia Zylstra and Tom & Karen Jacobs for their help as well.

SONSHINE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sonshine Festival is July 13 – 16th. The cost is approximately \$75 per ticket for all four days if we get enough people to get the group rate. If we do not get enough people for the group rate, tickets will be approximately \$95 per ticket. Call all of your friends and come and join us for some great music and lots of fun. If you need transportation to and from Sonshine, we will try to accommodate. We will also have a tent on the grounds to hang out in and to have a place to put your belongings. If you are interested in tickets or have any questions, please call Steve and Kendra Van Meter at 796-5024. Sign up and payment deadline is Monday, June 13th.



More Items for VBS:	“Rock-star” hats	6 boxes Graham Crackers	10+ cans of “squirt” cheese
4 baby blankets	Spotlights	4+ bags of M&M’s	3 large boxes of gold fish crackers
4 baby dolls	Leather string for necklaces	3+ bags of chocolate chips	8+ tubs of wet wipes
4 baskets to hold baby dolls	3 boxes Cheerios	4+ bags of dried fruit (raisins, craisins, apples, etc.)	10 fishing poles
4 hand mirrors	3 boxes Mini-wheats	8+ tubs of white frosting	10 fishing nets
Old speakers	300+ dessert plates	8+ bags of peel-apart string licorice	Several plastic fish
Guitars	300+ clear plastic punch cups	10+ bags of pretzel rods	Several microphones (old or play)
Feather boas	400+ plastic spoons		Call Lori (354-2774) or leave items in her office.
	400+ cocktail napkins		

June Anniversaries (continued)

- 19 – Troy & Jen Engebretson, Trent & Stephanie Johnson
- 20 – Bryan & Meggie Ashburn, Brent & Tiffany Hedtke, Michael & Maureen Pierson, Vernon & Sharon Samuelson, Gerald & Marge Saude
- 21 - Ron & Linda Baeth, Jeff & Deb Boonstra, Joe & Emily Hanzlik, Keith & Kim Olson, Rick & Brenda Swenson
- 22 - Dan & Lynn Schneider
- 23 – John & Ricki Bajari, Kenny & Dorc Gravley
- 24 - Alan & Kathy Olson
- 25 –Eric & Elyse Hagen

- 26 –Jack & Teresa Dahl, Zane & Samantha Pederson, Dale & Mabel Peterson, Cody & Rebecca Sarsland, Carl & Sherry Swenson, Bruce & Vickie Vogt
- 27 –Jeff & Alice Johnson, Brian & Sherry Pearson
- 28 - Dave & Lynette Cors, David & Shirley Olson
- 29 - Gary & Carolyn Broman, Bill & Mary Kuperus, Don & Gladys Lungstrom, Doug & Kim Monson
- 30 - Bob & Jill Brink, Harold & Ellie Koth, Steven & Kathryn Nass, Jim & Ann Turnquist



Miscellaneous

Habitat for Humanity of West Central Minnesota continues to seek a **partner family** for a 3-bedroom home in New London. Partner families are selected based on need, ability to pay, and willingness to partner. The selected family will put in 200-500 hours of sweat equity preparing the home and completing home owner classes. Eventually, they will become the owner of the home as they will make low monthly payments on a 0% interest, 30-year mortgage.



Check out the flyer in the hallway or pick up a brochure at the Information Desk. If you know of congregation members who are paying too much for rent and would like to become homeowners, please pass the word along to them. We are happy to answer all questions in the office, 320-231-2704.

Pre-application forms are available on our website: <http://habitatwcm.org/familyselection.html>.

27th Annual Quilt Auction

Green Lake Bible Camp

Saturday, July 23

Live auction begins at 11:30 A.M.

Quilt Review: Friday, July 22 - 5:30 – 8:30 PM;
Saturday, July 23 - 8:30 - 10:30 A.M. Admission: \$3.00

Also: crafts & country store, silent auction, BBQ supper on Friday, homemade lefse on Friday; Hot roast lunch on Saturday 10:45 – 1:00 P.M.

New: Bid online prior to quilt auction weekend and live during the auction. Visit www.gllm.org or call 796-2181 for more information.



PRAISE & PLAY PRESCHOOL – FALL 2011!

Registration for next fall is in full swing! Give your child a quality, faith based early childhood experience. Reserve your spot now...



forms are available at Faith Lutheran Church in Spicer or on the website www.faithspicer.org. We serve children ages 3 to 5 years old and have a variety of options! Children may attend one to five days per week, 9:00 A.M. - noon, with extended child care hours available. For more information, contact us at 796-2522, or praiseandplay@tds.net.

Trisha Voss

Praise and Play Preschool Teacher/Director

Please join us in celebrating the
50th Wedding Anniversary of Jon & Mary Winge

at an Open House

on Sunday, June 12 from 2:00-6:00 P.M.

at Prairie Woods Environmental
Learning Center (Westby Building).

Refreshments will be served.

Hosted by their children: Michael,
Sarah & Ann.

No gifts, please.



Mystery Tour

You are invited to join the Second Annual Mystery Tour departing from Our Lady of the Lakes Church in Spicer on Wednesday, June 22, at 7:30 A.M. We will have rolls, coffee, and juice beginning at 7:00 in the gathering area of the church before we leave.

The cost is \$35 which covers the bus, pre-boarding food, lunch at a fine restaurant, and other fun activities that are planned. Mark your calendar, grab a friend and sign up now!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Holli Cogelow Ruter, Stephanie Francis, Emma Revier
- 2 – Cassidy Ammerman, Ellary Asche, Shandi Bakken, Anna Bratsch, David Haagenson, David Norstedt, Adaline Roberg, Ryan Turnquist, Shelby Turnquist, Jim Van De Riet
- 3 – Jessica Beekman, Ellee Bjork, Evan Nelson
- 4 – Julie Bajari, Terri Steffen, Nathan Vogt
- 5 - Bailey Bjork, Jane Drodofsky, Brian Grefe, Avery Knisley, Ashley Thorson, Sandra Vollan
- 6 – Jacob Conover, Tyler Dahlberg, John Jacobson, Crystal Kragenbring, Bernice Leite, Marilyn Luptak, Griffin Mayhew, Caden Spencer
- 7 – Cailyn Anderson, Joy Dietrich, Maddie Joe Gabrielson, Rachel Grothe, Cindy Lundberg, Dwight Oss, Nick Reese
- 8 - Jon Austvold, Elliot Eckhoff, Kellon Knutson, Brett Krupke, Orlean Olson
- 9 –Joey Dreier, Danielle Lindner, Cassandra Long, Ethan Nelson, Megan Onstad, Cheryl Riebe, Colin Wright
- 10 - Logan Eckhoff, Justine Edwardson, Todd Hanson, Samuel Motzko, Alyssa Nelson, Paul Peterson, Carrie Piipke, Tyler Pollard, Paul Roediger
- 11 - Lloyd Bakke, Aubrey Hatton
- 12 – Colleen Barber, Blythe Sjoberg, Paula Vollan
- 13 - Cindy Dahl, Amanda Felt, Diane Valentine
- 14 – Elijah Blomker, Mike Lagergren, Mimi Payne
- 15 - Tristan Allen, Lyle Bengtson, Ardell Marquardt, Alan Olson, Jeremy Pickle, Carol Sandin, Gabriel Thompson, Toots Van De Riet, Blake Williamson, Mike Williamson
- 16 - Kathy Evans, Sam Haagenson, Dylan Jones, Bill Kuperus, Tyler Long
- 17 - Dennis Benson, Andrew Boe, Shirley Combs, Carole Freeman, Ryan Newville
- 18 - Dana Nichols, Tonya Olson, Bradyn Ommodt, Jason Terhark
- 19 – Aaron Clancy, Michelle Cole, Arienna Gould, Gary Kaelke, Cole Lundberg, Brett Olson, Mary Peterson, Brian Reierson, Lynne Reierson, Thomas Smith
- 20 - Sebastian Amundson, Peggy Edwardson, Jeff Karnes, Chad Schultz
- 21 - Martha Alsleben, Randy Alsleben, Brooke Baeth, Sandra Beck, William DeSchepper, Darwin Schroeder, Lisa Serbus, Kelsey Wright
- 22 - Alexander Arnold, Vonnie Dreier, Barb Gjerde, Jeff Gjerde, Alison Heying, Kevin Hodgson, Wes Holmberg, Timm Peterson, Ann Turnquist,



- 23 – Kylee Delzer, Jean Lungstrom, Marilyn Niemiste, Mark Peterson, Mona Tait
- 24 - Clayton Amundson, Beau Eid, Cindy Guse Fester, Judy Heath, Reid Holmquist, Mandy Kempenich, Steve Lieser
- 25 – Keane Johnson, KiAnna Johnson
- 26 - Jack Hartley, Carly Jacobs, Donna Miller, Phyllis Roediger, Phil Rupp, Michael Shimek
- 27 – Imo Lothert, Mike Lothert, Scott Travis
- 28 - Miranda Callahan, Stephanie Haats, Kayla Klever, Eunice Noethe, Jeremy Pierce, Dan Rupp
- 29 - Susan DeSchepper, Emma Kalevik, Paul Larson, Austin Laumb, Kent Olson, Kreg Palmquist, Dave Solsrud, Leah Swenson
- 30 - Thalia Krick, William Lungstrom, Aaron Norstedt, Scott Olson

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – Bill & Imo Lothert, Nick & Donna Ventrella, Skip & Cheryl Wright
- 2 – Bob & Sherri Bezdicek
- 3 - Dan & Carol Klingensmith
- 4 - Alan & Connie Long
- 5 – Eric & Jenna Oss
- 6 – Fran & Betty Dale, Philip & Jan Flesland, Ken & Ruth Gjerde
- 7 – Don & Judy Heath, Richard & Violet Johnson, Chris & Rhonda Motzko, Wes & Carolyn Stevens
- 8 - Lloyd & Marie Bakke, Bruce & Nancy Nelson, Bud & Toodie Spletter, Gerald & Diane Valentine
- 9 - Arden & Shari Christiansen
- 10 – Clayton Amundson & Sandra Viessman
- 11 – Jim & Shelly Berg, Jeremiah & Jen Dahl
- 12 – Sam & Danielle Haagenson, Matt & Cherrish Holland, Chuck & Yo Johnson, Chase & Laura Kleinschmidt
- 13 - Stephen & Michelle Gralish, Bob & Carol Monson, Brandon & Nadine Nelson
- 14 - Paul & Carol Aasen, Cliff & JoAnn Gesellchen, Leon & Sherri Nelson, Mark and Julie Thompson, John & Virginia Thon
- 15 - Jerry & Bereth Larson, Paul & Phyllis Roediger, Chad & Kris Woelfel
- 16 - John & Gwynne Anderson
- 17 - Del & Jan Chesness, Brian & Shannon Dickey, Steve & Lori Pederson
- 18 – Steve & Diane Larsen, Vonn & Marcia Zylstra



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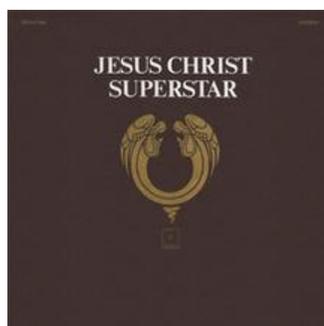


Would you like to see **Jesus Christ Superstar** at the Chanhasen Dinner Theater? A number of Peace members and friends are interested in this trip. We have purchased tickets for **Wednesday, June 29.**

The cost for the trip including bus, meal and the play will be \$61.00 per person if we fill the bus.

We will board the bus at Peace at 8:30 A.M., the bus leaves at 8:45 A.M., and we will return to Peace about 6:00 P.M.

Sign up and pay in the church office by June 1.



The YMCA in Willmar is offering a **Summer Day Camp Program** Mondays through Fridays from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. for youth entering grades 1 to 6. Adventures will include trips to Sibley State Park, the Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, city and county parks, historical landmarks, museums and other local attractions. Other activities include: games, rock climbing, arts and crafts, swimming and an array of learning projects. The cost is \$100 per session for members of the YMCA and \$110 for non-members.



Registration forms are available at the Y or online at www.kandiyymca.org. Check the poster in the hall or call the Y at 222-9622 for more information.