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Where Is Our Map?

By Pastor Kathy

Recently, I was traveling in another state with our daughter, Alex, and future son-in-law, Taylor. We needed to drive from the airport to our destination. I said to them, "We need to find a gas station and buy a good map." "Oh, we don't need a map, I can get directions off my phone," Alex said to me and whipped out her phone (I don't know what kind it is, but it seems to do everything but make coffee). Looking at her phone display, she said, "We need to take a left here (Taylor was driving) then go 1.5 miles and turn right at the next intersection." From the back seat, I protested, "But I don't know where we are going!" Her response, "You don't need to know, Mom, we will find out the way."



I couldn't help but think of Thomas protesting to Jesus in John 14:5, "Master, we have no idea where you are going. How do you expect us to know the road (or way)?" Jesus answered, "I am the Road, also the Truth, also the Life. No one gets to the Father apart from me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him. You've even seen him!" (The Message version.)

Sometimes we feel lost on the road of life. Things are not as we expected them to be when we were younger. There is disappointment, sadness, sometimes even tragedy. People we care about disappoint us, we disappoint ourselves. We experience losses in life that we cannot imagine how we will get through. People we love die. Sometimes we wonder about the sense of it all. We are like people lost without a map.

It is at times like these that we need to remember that Jesus is our Road. He knows where he is going and he shows us the way. He made it clear to his disciples that life on this earth would not be easy, but that he would never leave them. We, as believers in him, all have the same destination on our maps. It is not something we earn our way to, but it is a free gift from God. In the meantime, we have a purpose in life – to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves (the

Volunteers

Greeters

May 1
 8:30 Rick & Brenda Swenson
 10:15 Don & Becky Holland
 May 8—Mother's Day
 8:30 Rick & Brenda Swenson
 10:15 Shawn & Amy Hanson
 May 15
 8:30 Chad & Melissa Radel
 10:15 Joel & Julie Johnson
 May 22
 8:30 Wayne & Kathy Norstedt
 10:15 Joel & Julie Johnson
 May 29
 8:30 Sue Liden
 10:15 Shawn & Amy Hanson

Ushers

8:30 Larry & Sherry Bratsch
 Merle & Barb Gjerde
 Dennis & Diane Rupp
10:15
 May 1 - Balay Family
 May 8 - Bruce Nelson Family
 May 15 - Austvold Family
 May 22 - Stehn Family
 May 29 - Koosman family



Altar Guild

Judy Worth, Chm.
 Carolyn Agre
 Marie Bakke
 Sherry Bratsch
 Shari Christiansen
 Cheryl Danielson
 Billie Johnson
 Shirley J. Olson
 Mary Peterson
 Sandra Vollan

Peace Van drivers for



May

May 1, 22 and 29 -
 Arden Christiansen
 354-2883
 May 8 & 15 -
 Wayne Beecroft
 354-3564

Adult Forums

May 1 - No speaker
 May 8 - Naomi Mahler, The LINK
 May 15 - Roof Repair information
 May 22 - High School Seniors Recognition Day
 May 29 - Summer schedule begins (Occasional speakers)



If there is a topic or a speaker that you would like to hear at Adult Forum, please call the church office at 354-2774

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.- Mar.

	Budget	Actual
YTD Income		
General Fund	\$107,585	\$93,714
Mortgage Fund	31,732	25,588
Maintenance Fund	14,800	10,279
Mission Fund	8,890	8,075
ELCA Synod Fund	3,000	3,514
Youth Fund	3,875	2,967
Offering for Month	56,369	46,928
YTD Expenses		
General Fund	114,782	112,489
Mortgage Fund	31,732	17,318
Maintenance Fund	14,300	15,484
Mission Fund	8,890	8,075
ELCA Synod Fund	3,000	3,514
Youth Fund	3,325	3,371

Mortgage Information

Total cost of Project	\$2,529,362
Original Balance	1,731,684
Interest Paid to Date	429,269
Principal Paid to Date	753,185
Remaining Balance	1,194,416

Building Peace by Piece

Amount Pledged (Nov. 2004-Present)	\$1,689,792
Amount Received to Date	1,324,355
Difference	365,437

May Music

May 1—Music Sunday

8:30 Adult Choir / Peace Bells
10:15 Kids Club / Worship Team

May 8

8:30 Bluegrass Worship
10:15 Bluegrass Worship

May 15

8:30 Peace Bells / Adult Choir
10:15 Worship Team

May 22

8:30 Adult Choir
10:15 Preschool - 6th Grade/Worship Team



Opportunities

If you are interested in becoming a member of Peace, plan to attend the



New Member Class

Peace, plan to attend the **New Member class** on Wednesday, May 11, 6:30—8:00 P.M. New Members will be received at the 10:15 worship service on Sunday, May 15.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to become a member of Peace, please call Pastor Kathy (354-2774).

You are invited to a **Tea & Table Setting event** on Saturday, May 14 from 1:00—4:00 PM. Come see tables decorated with pretty placesettings, enjoy coffee or tea with tasty treats, and view beautiful quilts. The day will include special music as well. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Heritage Falls Market, in the Peace Church office or from committee members. Thrivent is providing money, too. Proceeds will go to the Daucavage quadruplets as well as to a special Peace project. Both Disa Daucavage and her mother will be decorating tables for this event. See you there!



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most important commandment according to Jesus). How we go about doing this depends on our God-given gifts, abilities and choices. It is exciting and satisfying to discover the many ways that we can have purpose and serve God! To discover that individual road for ourselves, we need to thoughtfully consider our individual purposes.

Writer, Damian McElrath states this: “If we are truly spiritual persons, we have to pause in life’s journey and ponder the questions: Who am I? Am I making a difference? How shall I define my legacy? And how shall I live? We need to answer them as best we know how and allow them to serve as the foundation for lives of integrity.”



"I am the way,
and the truth
and the life."
John 14:6

People search for meaning/wholeness in their lives and try to find it in different places: power, pleasure, wealth or chemicals. They are lost and cannot find the road. They live lives without meaning. Others try to take an “easy road” and try to bypass or leap over the challenges that life demands of all of us. They try to become whole, not through struggle and self-examination with a reliance on God at the center, but through superficial and false gods. It is when we discover the road that is Jesus that we are on our way to wholeness.

As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus from the dead, let us not forget that He is our road, our map, guiding us through life.

In Our Prayers

Baptisms:

4/17 - Matthew James Glienke, son of Blaine
Glienke & Rhonda Kaelke

Weddings:

4/30 - Danielle Swanson & Mark Skindelien

People who were in Peace Prayers in April:

Jason Dahlberg, Jim DeVaan, Gordon Freeman,
Staci Gjerde, Ken Gravley, Bob Kessler, Imo
Lothert, LaVern Luther, Eli Martens, Bob
Niemiste, Nathan Rogalski, Daryl Turnquist,
Bruce (Spoonie) Vogt, Caleb Woelfel, Fred
Zwart.

Our Sympathy to:

Doc & Kathy Dyrdaahl on the death of Kathy's mother, Ina Risa
The Family of Halee Lucas

Dan Rupp and family on the death of Linda Rupp

The Family of Nicole White

Steve & Coreen Williams and family on the death of Coreen's
brother-in-law, Brian Schweer, and Steve's brother,
Mike Williams



Memorials and Special Gifts:

In Memory of:

Cody Campbell (Roger & Julia Iverson's nephew) - a monetary donation was given to Memorial Trust

Halee Lucas - monetary gifts were given to Youth and undesignated

Nicole White - monetary gifts were given to Children's Ministry and Memorial Trust

Mike Williams (Steve Williams' brother) - monetary gifts were given to missions and Food Shelf* by Steve & Coreen Williams

Ina Risa (Kathy Dyrdaahl's mother) - an undesignated monetary gift was given

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

Thank You

The Daniel Rupp and Leo Halliday families would like to thank all those who supported us in so many ways during the illness and death of our beloved Linda. Words cannot express our gratitude for your love and kindness. Linda will remain in our hearts forever.

Dan, Adam, and Anthony Rupp

THANK YOU to our guest preachers for Lent who spoke on "The Bible as a Book of Faith." Each of their life experiences was inspirational and a testimony to a life lived in God's Word. Speakers were: Steve Van Meter, Al Sing, Scott Balay, Shirley Olson and Elaine Peterson.



Thank you for all your cards, calls, prayers, comfort, strength and peace that was given to me before, during and after my surgery by the staff and members of Peace.

Thank you and may God bless you all.

Daryl Turnquist

Peace Lutheran Women

By Bev Nelson

May 5 9:00 AM—Noon Christian Service Day
Noon PLW Board

Besides making quilts, this is the day to complete and pack Lutheran World Relief Health Kits and materials for the Christian Literature Mission. Peace Lutheran Women have added ten mosquito nets (for the Lutheran Malaria Initiative) to the offering project. This project will be described in next month's newsletter. These projects will be offered at the 24th annual convention of the Southwest MN Synod of the Women of the ELCA, May 14 at Granite Falls. "Goin' Fishin' - Caught for Christ" is the theme. Convention registration is open until May 2. The cost is \$40.00, with half being awarded by Peace Lutheran Women. Information can be found on the Peace Women's bulletin board or talk with one of the officers listed on this page.

Rev. Dr. April Ullring of Duluth, the first female bishop of the ELCA, whose son, a seminarian, was killed in the earthquake in Haiti, will speak, as well as John K. Sterner, a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe of South Dakota, and Rev. Susan Engholm, interim pastor for Our Redeemer's and Shepherd of the Hills in Benson.

May 12 - 6:30 P.M. Salad Supper

May (the Merry Month) is the time for our Salad Super. It's a potluck meal of salads. If you and a friend or two wish to bring one salad, that's great. So, gather in the Fellowship Hall for a great salad meal at 6:30 P.M. Later, we will enjoy a program of music by "Friends," a group from Benson, MN. Many of us have met them, and we're happy they will make a return engagement. See you there!

Some members of the "Friends" group are men, so we hope Peace men won't be shy and will come, too.

One last chance for two people to accept the invitation to a registration and transportation "awarded" trip to the Triennial Gathering held July 14-17 in Spokane, WA. "Renew, Respond, Rejoice" is the theme. Peace Lutheran Women will pay registration fees and transportation cost (Amtrak from St. Cloud). Please contact Bev Nelson for all the information.

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 2010-2011 is "The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity." This nine-session study looks at what unites us and defines us as people of faith. This study helps us understand how our different backgrounds, life experiences, and perspectives can be shared and heard as we study the Bible together. The 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 meet together in Fireside Room

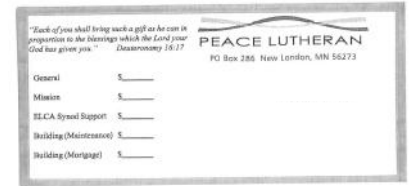
May - Session 9: Witnessing and Evangelism

Theme verse: Acts 1:8 - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

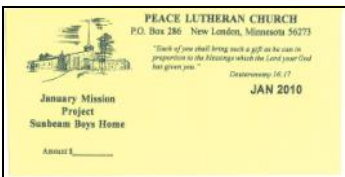
Mission: Possible!

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.

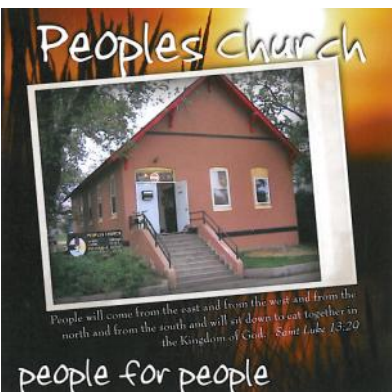


You can also give to support the mission of the Southwest Minnesota Synod of the ELCA (of which Peace is a member). Gifts on the **ELCA Synod Support** line are sent to our SW MN synod which provides support for congregations through workshops, gatherings of leaders, sharing of resources; facilitates 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.

May Special Focus: Peoples Church, Bemidji



Peoples Church serves a largely Native-American congregation in Bemidji. Its pastor is Bob Kelly who has spoken here at Peace. He will be here again during the summer; watch for the date to hear him preach and talk about the ministry at Peoples Church.

Peace members have done a variety of projects with this church in the past, including teaching Vacation Bible School, making baby bags for new mothers, filling Christmas stockings for kids and delivering donated items.

Pastor Bob has a number of projects in mind to help the people become self-sufficient. Currently, he is planning a “wildcrafting” business for people to produce “north woods-type” products to sell. All wildcrafting products will be sold through

Lutheran churches for fund raising both for that church and also Peoples Church. Pastor Bob has also run a remodeling business (in addition to being pastor) to help provide jobs for people. He owns a number of houses that he rents out, and the church offers space for homeless people to sleep overnight.

Recently, Pastor Martha Levine has arrived in Bemidji and will work with Pastor Bob to expand the ministry to the Cass Lake area. In Cass Lake, as well as in Bemidji, homelessness, lack of employment, alcohol problems and jail time all impact the ministry.

Donations may be made to “MOP—Peoples Church.” Use the yellow mission envelope you receive in the mail, or indicate on your check that the money should go to Peoples Church. Questions? Talk with Mavis Jante (796-5931).

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 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 when we join with the Norway Lake Parish in a food packaging event in November. Plan to participate this fall!



Tuesday's Table



The May Tuesday's Table at Peace will be May 24. This program will continue through the year with Peace serving the meal every fourth Tuesday.

We are always glad to have volunteers. Each month, we need donations of bars for dessert. In April, we decided to add milk to our meal, so we appreciated the donation of milk. If you are willing to donate bars or milk, or if you are interested in volunteering, please call Carol at church (354-2774). Cash donations are also welcome. **THANKS** to all who have helped with Tuesday's Table!

THE LINK is sponsoring A **Drop 'N Shop Spring Clothing Exchange** at the Covenant Church in New London. On Friday, May 13 you may drop off your clean, used clothing between noon and 6:00 P.M. On Saturday, May 14, come back to shop between 9:00 and noon.



Everything is FREE, including breakfast!

Volunteers are still needed for Friday and Saturday. Contact Naomi at The LINK (796-2522).

Operation Christmas Child



Don't wait until fall to think about Operation Christmas Child! You can plan for this special mission project all through the year, picking up needed items whenever you have a chance.

We think of this project as a Christmas gift for a child in need, including health items (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, towel, comb), school supplies (notebooks, pencils, crayons, scissors, calculators), small toys (cars, balls, dolls) and candy. However, Samaritan's Purse (the sponsoring organization) looks at this project as an evangelism opportunity. Each shoebox is packed with a booklet in the language of the receiving child. This booklet tells the life-changing story of Jesus. After receiving a shoebox, children are invited to attend a discipleship training program which teaches them more about Jesus and the Bible.

Many countries that prohibit missionary work allow Samaritan's Purse to pass out shoeboxes because it is something for the children. The shoebox that brings a gift to one child has a ripple effect that extends to the child's immediate family, extended family and possibly the community.

God knows the needs of each of us - and each child who receives a shoebox. As you gather items to put in your shoebox, **pray** for the child who will receive it. What a fun way to share God's love with a child and to present an opportunity to introduce Jesus!

Watch for more information about Operation Christmas Child in future newsletters.

Are you spring cleaning? On Saturday, May 14, from 9:00 AM until noon, you may drop off your extra items—dishes, furniture, baby stuff, etc. at the New London LINK building for a **Household Item Collection**.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>1—MUSIC SUNDAY</p> <p>8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>9:30 AM Adult Forum (coffee fellowship)</p> <p>10:15 AM Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion; Sunday School children stay with parents in worship; Kids Club sings (meet in Chapel at 10 AM)</p> <p>11:00 AM Potluck Dinner Farewell for Bill & Mary Miller</p> <p>5:30-7:00 PM AP Calc Study Session</p>	<p>2</p> <p>3:00-5:30 PM Girl Scouts in Fireside Room</p> <p>5:30 PM Faces of Grief Women's Bible Study (Conference Room)</p> <p>6:00 PM Garden Club (Fireside Room)</p> <p>7:00 PM Boy Scout Court of Honor</p>	<p>3</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>3:15-5:00 PM Campus Life MS (5th-8th grade)</p>
<p>8—MOTHER'S DAY</p> <p>8:30 AM Bluegrass Worship</p> <p>9:30 AM Adult Forum: Naomi Mahler - The LINK</p> <p>10:15 AM Bluegrass Worship; Sunday school dismissal at 10:30 AM; 3-year-old Milestone: Praying (parents dismissed with students to attend class)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 AM Hospitality ChristCare</p> <p>5:30 PM Faces of Grief Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM Garden Tour committee mtg.</p>	<p>10</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>3:15-5:00 PM Campus Life MS (5th-8th grade)</p> <p>5:30-7:00 PM Restorative Justice</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:30 AM Adult Forum: Roof Repair information</p> <p>10:15 AM Contemporary Worship; Sunday school dismissal at 10:30 AM; 3rd Grade Milestone: Deeper into the Bible (parents dismissed with students to attend class); New Members received</p> <p>1:00 - 4:00 PM Open House Bridal Shower for Jacklyn Haney, bride-elect of Jerry Skluzacek</p> <p>2:00 PM Adopt-A-Highway event</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30 PM Faces of Grief Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>17</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>3:15-5:00 PM Campus Life MS (5th-8th grade)</p> <p>6:00 PM Finance Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 AM Traditional Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>9:30 AM Adult Forum (High School Seniors Recognition)</p> <p>10:15 AM Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion; Sunday School dismissal at 10:30 AM (last day of Sunday School until fall); All kids sing (Pre-K meet in Music Room; 1st-6th Grades meet in Chapel at 10AM); 10th grade Driver's License Milestone; Senior (12th grade) Graduation Milestone; Volunteer Appreciation (picnic to follow for volunteers)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 AM Hospitality ChristCare</p> <p>3:00 - 5:00 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>24</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 (last until fall)</p> <p>12:00 PM Agape ChristCare</p> <p>3:15-5:00 PM Campus Life MS (5th-8th grade)</p> <p>5:30-7:00 PM Restorative Justice</p> <p>6:00 PM Tuesday's Table</p>
<p>29—SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS</p> <p>8:30 AM Summer Worship</p> <p>9:30 AM Sibley Park Worship (remember to purchase a park pass before this service)</p> <p>10:30AM Summer Worship (note change in service time for summer)</p>	<p>30—MEMORIAL DAY</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>31</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>3:15-5:00 PM Campus Life MS (5th-8th grade)</p>

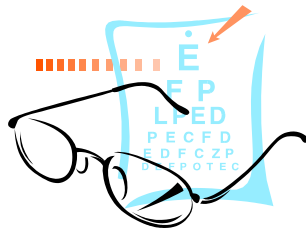
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>6:00 AM Gym in use</p> <p>9:00 AM "Create Art Together"</p> <p>12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar (YMCA)</p> <p>3:15 PM Wednesday Kids Club</p> <p>5:00 PM Meal (last until fall)</p> <p>6:00 PM Confirmation</p> <p>6:20 PM Adult Choir</p> <p>7:00 PM DIG</p>	<p>5</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>12:30 PM NL-S Ministerial</p> <p>3:15-5:00 PM Campus Life HS (9th-12th)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:00 PM Wedding rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p> <p>3:30 PM Wedding of Kayla Timm and Adam Mathwig</p>
<p>11</p> <p>6:00 AM Gym in use</p> <p>9:00 AM "Create Art Together"</p> <p>12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar (YMCA)</p> <p>3:15 PM Kids Club Picnic (last Wednesday until fall)</p> <p>5:30 PM Executive Committee meets</p> <p>6:00 PM Confirmation (last for year)</p> <p>6:20 PM Adult Choir</p> <p>6:30-8:00 PM New Member class</p> <p>7:00 PM DIG (last until fall)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 AM Bible Study at McKale's</p> <p>9:00 AM Legion Quilting</p> <p>3:15-5:00 PM Campus Life HS (9th-12th)</p> <p>6:30 PM PLW Salad Supper</p>	<p>13</p> <p>2:00 PM West-Ender's ChristCare</p> <p>3:30-5:00 PM 7th Grade Girl Scouts</p> <p>Noon—6:00 PM Drop off used clothing at the Covenant Church in New London</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 AM—Noon Spring Clothing Exchange at Covenant Church; drop off household items at the LINK in New London</p> <p>1:00-4:00 PM Tea & Table Setting event</p>
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<p>25</p> <p>6:00 AM Gym in use</p> <p>9:00 AM "Create Art Together"</p> <p>12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar (YMCA)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 AM Bible Study at McKale's</p> <p>11:00 AM Caregiver's Discussion Group at Becky West's home</p> <p>3:15-5:00 PM Campus Life HS (9th-12th)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>2:00 PM West-Ender's ChristCare</p> <p>3:15 PM Girl Scouts (FR)</p>	<p>28</p>
			

Greetings from the Nurses of Peace

By Becky West

Several weeks ago, the Sunday Gospel lesson included the story of blind Bartimaeus, a beggar who spent his days at the city gate. He was healed of his blindness, but more than that, he was able to “SEE” who Jesus was (Luke 18:35). His visual, physical blindness didn’t prevent his ability to focus on the spiritual importance of Jesus. Last week, the Agape Bible study emphasized establishing a true focus for life.

I thought the two stories were interesting, but because I was facing cataract surgery, they hit me more strongly. I was not blind, but my glasses went on first thing in the morning and off the last thing at night. Without glasses, I was unable to drive, read, or enjoy life. My visual focus was faulty.



Having 20/20 vision after successful surgery has made me think more about focus. I still require a little help to correct myopic (near) vision, but like blind Bartimaeus, I think this has been a miracle. He was released from the prison of begging. Release from my dependence on glasses seems a small thing in comparison, but this experience helps me understand his exuberant joy.

Cataract surgery technique has improved and changed drastically since I cared for my first hospitalized cataract patient. In “olden days,” heads were stabilized with

sand bags for days. Today the surgery is done as outpatient. When I started in home care, we saw cataract patients twice a day for three to five days. Today no nursing home care is expected and follow-up is minimal. Drops several times a day are a small price to pay for infection-free healing.

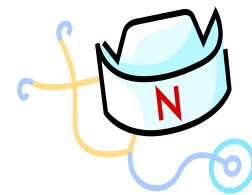
No guarantees for surgical success can or should be given. Many complications are possible, but a thorough consult with a doctor should provide for an informed decision. I was even able to go to Google and watch a cataract surgery – maybe not a good idea for the squeamish!

Blindness in the time of Bartimaeus was common. Perhaps blindness, the inability to focus on priorities and focus on what is most important in life, is also common today. Matthew 6:22 says the “..eye is the lamp of the body...if the eye is good, the whole body is full of light.” If we keep a right focus, we can see what is important. We are no longer blind.

I hope you will consider keeping a focus on what is important to bring light and blessing into your life. Focus, like faith, is very good for your health.

Becky West,

Your Parish Nurse



Call Committee Update

By Norm Wrase

The call committee has conducted some interviews with candidates whose names were submitted by the synod. We used Skype for one of the interviews. This allowed us to have a face to face contact, but it saved the candidate a several hour drive while allowing for us to get a feel for each other. We have gotten tapes and videos of services from candidates so we can see their style of conducting services. With Easter being such a busy time, especially in the ministry, we have put off some more interviews until May. We expect to be a little busier in May with the call process. We are hoping with Easter being over, schools coming to the end of their year, and spring being a time of renewal, that this will enable everyone to focus on the job at hand. In my personal opinion, the synod has given us some quality looking candidates. It is only through the interview process that we can get a feel if this person is someone that will fit. So, please keep praying that the person that God has chosen to be here stands out and is recognized as such.



Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Modern Martyr

Dietrich Bonhoeffer grew up in a Germany that was experiencing the despondency of defeat and suffering the debilitating effects of the Great Depression. In 1922, the German voters turned to the charismatic Adolph Hitler for leadership. However, the young pastor was not taken in by the Führer's promise to provide stability and glory for the German nation.

The totalitarian Nazi regime extended its reach to even the German church. It attempted to merge all German Protestants into a single church under Nazi direction. Bonhoeffer, along with other German Christians, organized the Confessing Church which in its Barman Declaration stated its first allegiance was to Jesus Christ.

Bonhoeffer had written The Cost of Discipleship (1937) which was a call to a deeper and more radical obedience to Christ and a strong critique of comfortable Christianity. Some of his comments were, "Cheap grace is preaching forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline and community without confession" and "Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus."

For a time, Bonhoeffer was training pastors in an underground seminary at Finkenwalde. However, the Nazi regime closed down the school. As his efforts to speak out against Hitler became increasingly difficult and his moral opposition became ineffective, Bonhoeffer began to change his strategy.

Bonhoeffer, in 1939, traveled to the USA to lecture and study. However, after hearing reports from Germany, he chose to return. Writing to Reinhold Neibuhr, he said, "I shall have no right to participate in the reconstruction of Christian life in Germany after the war if I do not share the trial of this time with my people."

He became distantly involved in a plot to assassinate Hitler. This was a difficult decision for this man with pacifistic leanings, but he determined that this evil must be resisted. In 1943, Bonhoeffer was arrested for helping to smuggle Jews out of Germany. When the July 1944 assassination plot failed, Bonhoeffer's name was found in the plans to destroy Hitler. Bonhoeffer spent two years in prison corresponding with family and friends, writing, and ministering to fellow inmates. On April 9, 1945, one month before Germany surrendered, he was hanged along with six other prisoners. A camp doctor, who had witnessed the hanging, was deeply moved by the way that Bonhoeffer approached the execution with calmness and a sense of God's peace.



Bonhoeffer's witness remains as a testimony of faithfulness to stand up for Christian conviction. May God bless the memory of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.



West Central Industries is sponsoring their **2nd Annual Family Fun Festival** on Saturday, May 7, from 8:00 A.M. until noon. The event will include a quilt raffle, a cash raffle, a silent auction, pancake breakfast, used book sale, jewelry sale, music and

games! Quilt raffle tickets are \$2.50 each. All money raised will support Work Skills Programs for people with disabilities and Willmar Meals on Wheels.

Local Disaster Volunteers Needed

When an emergency/disaster happens, the need for volunteers is tremendous. Our community is looking for people who are willing to volunteer their skills. Everyone has a role to play when a disaster happens. To be a volunteer, you need to register with the Minnesota Responds program. Go to www.mnresponds.org to register or you may contact Karen Ampe at Kandiyohi County Public Health at (320) 231-7860.

May Rotational Sunday School Schedule:

Preschool – Kindergarten

5/8-5/15 - "Jesus is Alive!"

5/22 – **Last Day Parties**

1st – 4th

5/8-5/15 – "Good Samaritan"

5/22 – **Last Day Parties**



Club 56

5/8-5/15 - "What is the Right Way to Pray?"

5/22 – **Last Day Parties**

Wednesday Kids' Club Activities:

5/4 – Kids' Club meets, 3:10 - 5:00 PM

5/11 – Kids' Club meets, 3:15 - 5:00 PM - **LAST DAY!!!**

We will be going to Sibley State Park for a picnic and games. Parents and siblings are welcome. Please call the office at 354-2774 if you would like to attend.

Singing Schedule:

May 1st – Kids Club sings at 10:15 AM Service

May 22nd – ALL Children sing at 10:15 AM Service



Milestones:

(Parents are dismissed from worship with student to attend class)

5/8 – 3-year-old Milestone – Praying

5/15 – 3rd grade Milestone – Deeper into the Bible



Mark Your Calendars

MAY 22nd – Sunday School – **LAST DAY!!!**

Volunteer Appreciation Day!

Children's Ministry volunteers and their families are invited to stay for a picnic after the 10:15 AM service.

Please call the church office at 354-2774 if you are able to attend! Thanks!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

That's right... I'm talking VBS!!!

Make sure to sign your child up early this year! We are working with "The GO-FISH" guys this year!!!

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



Roof Repair Fund

Our beautiful Church is leaking, and the Stewardship Committee and Church Council want to ask for your participation with a special fund to help repair the roofs. Church Council members have been meeting with builders and roofing experts in April to determine the best repairs. There will be considerably more information coming in early May.

What are we going to do? At least two sections of roof must be replaced or repaired. Repairs will include insulation, flashings, water seals, and new shingles. We'll show you which roofs need the work and have specific repair plans and costs in early May.



What are the benefits? Due to dramatically improved insulation, these repairs will lead to enhanced efficiencies and lower energy costs. The repairs may result in some decreases in our building insurance costs.

How much is it going to cost? We don't know yet, but we have a great start! We're starting with \$23,500 from a memorial fund, and we need your help to match that amount.

Is there any fun in this fund? Pastor Kathy has offered to spend 24 hours up on the roof "preaching" if we can meet our goal. WOW! Won't that be fun?!

What can you do? Pray, and then let's all respond together by Memorial Day with any amount that you can give to this fund so that we can get Pastor Kathy up on the roof soon!

Would you like to see **Jesus Christ Superstar** at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater? A number of Peace members 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. 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.



May Anniversaries (continued)

11 - Wayne & Jane Friedrich, Phil & Kari Westby

12 - Jeff & Kina Melby, Steve & Mimi Payne

13 - Gary & Kathy Dahlberg, Brandon & Julie Oss

17 - Norman & Gerda Onstad

18 - Darren & Gina Hatlestad, Scott & Linda Nelson

19 - Jeff & Ann Roguske

20 - Jeff & Cynthia Dahl, Thomas & Alesha Dokman, Jerry & Teresa Haas

21 - Chad & Minda Henjum, Todd & Stacie Johnson, Dennis & Sharon LaPoint, Robert & Lorraine Nelson, Ed & Lisa Walhof

22 - Mike & Jessica Gesellchen, Dennis & Diane Gronli, Dain & Angie Hatlestad, Nicholas and Alicia Jacobs, Gary & Carol Walker

23 - John & Cindy Dahl

24 - Gordon & LaVonne Gronli

25 - Roger & Barb Gravley, Doug & Bonnie Wall

26 - Dennis & Ellen Benson, Duane & Katie Erickson, Morris & Daphne Evenson

29 - Brian & Wanda Nelson

31 - Brian & Karen Nelson



Youth Ministry

Pastor Kathy, Steve & Kendra Van Meter and Brooke Vasilko

June 7 is our Valleyfair trip! This trip is open to those who have completed 6th grade and above. Parents and other children may also attend. Fifth grade and under must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$35 which includes transportation and entry to the park. We will leave from Peace at 9:00 A.M. and will return around 10:00 P.M.



What to bring: spending money, good attitude, something warm (in case of cool weather), swimsuit and towel if you are going to use the water park. **Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, May 16!**

Jr. High

Sunday, May 15—Adopt a Highway - 8th Graders



should attend the 8:30 service and meet in the fireside room immediately after. We will return to church between 11:00 and 11:30 A.M. Please remember this is a required service project for confirmation. Dress appropriately - you may get wet, dirty and/or cold. Also, please bring gloves to pick up the garbage.

Last day of Confirmation is Wednesday, May 11. We have extended the date for the required sermon notes until August 1st. Please remember if you attend the Sibley services, there will be no sermon note forms available; you will need to pick some up at the church beforehand.

Sr. High

The last **DIG** will be on Wednesday, May 11.

Sunday, May 22—10th Grade Driver's License

Milestone at 10:15 A.M. worship service. You will get a letter about this in the mail, but mark your calendars and plan to attend the 10:15 worship service on the 22nd.

Sunday, May 22—Senior Recognition Day.

Graduating seniors are asked to attend the Adult Forum (9:30 - 10:15 A.M.) on the 22nd (fruit and rolls will be provided).

You will have a chance to introduce yourself and tell forum attendees about your plans for the future (and possibly receive some good advice). You will also be recognized at the 10:15 worship service.



A huge **THANK YOU** to all of our wonderful volunteers throughout the year. We are so grateful for all of your time, energy and commitment to our youth especially in this time of transition. A special thanks to the following: Marcia Zylstra, Sarah Arnold, Mykala Blomker, Tom Duden, Scott Balay, Carmen Macik, Matt & Lindsay Freeland, Chuck & Renee Nolting, Bryan & Jill Blomker, Chad Renstrom, John Dahl, Bryson Wachter, Josh Cole, Barb Johnson, Fay Holthusen, Jim & Kimberly Montpetit, Ashley Hanson, Carrie Sharp, Darcy Olson, Deb Boonstra, Ann Stehn and Mark Thompson. We would also like to thank the congregation for their prayers and encouragement throughout the year. All the glory goes back to God!

Thank you to Steve Rambow and Rambow Inc. for the donation of t-shirts (which were designed by DIG member, Avery Ashburn)! Also, **thanks** to the DIG kids for the wonderful job they did leading worship on Sunday, April 3!



July 13-16 - Sonshine Music Festival.
Please contact the Van Meters (796-5024) if you are interested in attending.

An **ON CALL** team is going to Colombia this June for 2 weeks of ministry near Bogota (working with Colombia Youth for Christ). Jenna Jacobson from Peace is on this team. The team will be having a Garage Sale/Bake Sale at the First Street Warehouse (106 Litchfield Ave SW, Willmar) on Saturday, May 14 from 9 am to 4 pm. Would you be willing to bring in a few items for us to sell? Garage Sale items can be dropped off at the YFC Warehouse in Willmar prior to the sale (by Monday, May 9), and Bake Sale items need to be delivered on Thursday, May 12 and Friday, May 13. Any questions? Contact Becca Gardner (320) 282-7580 .

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 – Tom Duden, Matthew Glienke, Wally Gustafson-Peterson, Dalayne Hatlestad, Ron Johnson, Jason Meyer, Tristan Thompson

2 - Dan Harrier, Wendy Kriese, Sienna Mayhew, Todd Nelson, Mackenzie Pederson, Todd Sjoberg

3 - Ivy Bolle, Kayla Karnes, Tyler Olson

4 - Cody Ammerman, Carli Montpetit, Phyllis Nestande, Eric Oss, Toodie Spletter

5 - John Dahl, Dennis Dyrdaahl, Jonathan Hoepner, Rose Houk, Jennesa Johnson, Brady Olson, Carol Palmquist

6 – Nancy Augustson, Connie Callahan, Brian Nelson, Doug Wall

7 - Jackie Mourning

8 –Elden Halvorson, Michelle Holm, Rick Johnson, Sherry Pearson, Shaye Cogelow Ruter

9 - Virgil Hawkinson, Camron Hedman, Jordan Kosel, Amanda Radel, Lori Terhark

10 - Joshua Cole, Loren Hjelle, Joyce Johnson, Chad Monson, Ardys Ninneman, Melissa Pankratz, Chelsey Roelofs, Cindy Rondeau, Ed Walhof

11 – Arica Clancy, Becky Holland, Michael Lang, Jennifer Olson, Jennifer Peterson

12 – Mike Barber, Brenda Bengtson, Sherry Bigalke, Alice Johnson, Paul Stageberg

13 - Gary Caylor, Pam Dahl, Jane Hedman, Carl Swenson

14 – Nicholas Barber, Levi Hanson, Zachary Onstad, Kelly Pickle, Wade Quisberg, Marion Ruplinger

15 - Treyton Austvold, Cody Blomker, Daniel Evenson, Madilynn Gerdes, Michelle Gralish, Tricia Lagergren, Jacob Sanderson, Susan Sharstrom, Diann Somody, Raelin Van Meter, Jackson Wright

16 – Kelly Baeth, Dean Bigalke, Karlene DeGeest, David Lohn, Richard Morel

17 - Tifanie Carlson, Chad Clark, Bev Dresser, Renee Jenniges, Melissa Johnson, Rae Otteson, Tim Pickle, Ryan Thompson

18 - Richard Aarons, Janet Hanson, Matthew Holland, Tina Huikko, John Thon

19 - Mark Danielson, Max Drodofsky, Gina Hatlestad, Beth Ann Johnson, Noah Schmidt, Connor Solsrud, Maren Van Meter

20 - Scott Balay, Kim Dahl, Jodi Horsman, Savanna Knudsen, Jake Knutson, Connie Lee, Austen Lothert, Ruth Palmquist, Easton Pickering, Patricia Wright

21 - Matthew Cordes, Grace DeSchepper, Cayden Hagen, John Holthusen, Michael Kessler, Danielle Steffen

22 – Corey Christensen, Jesi Halvorson, Gerald Johnson, Christie Koll, Penny Kulset, Bill Miller, Marlyn Orson

23 – Tanner Cuka, Tim Deadrick, Jane Friedrich, Karemae Gravley, Hailley Nelson, Greg Ruff, Doug Wadsworth

24 - Velorie Fredeen, Philip Lungstrom, Paige Olson, Michael Swenson

25 - Christopher Dresser, Brok Huikko, Gwynne Nichols, Kendra Van Meter

26 - Ron Anderson, Peter Benson, Paul Erickson, Matthew Johnson, Lauren Larsen, Cali Laumb, Taylor Melges

27 - Pat Aunoien, Ryan Bakken, Allison DeGeest, Nick Knutson, Grant McCain, Aimee Swanson

28 - Lonna Erickson, Grace Gjerde, Jeremy Kalevik, Gail Olson, Andrea Ostapowich, Melissa Radel, Tom Swanson

29 –Calypso Bleess, Virginia Olson, T.J. Salonen

30 – Amanda Beug, Connie Filley, Deb Forbrook, Skeets Johnson

31 – Betty Anderson, Jake Beekman, Jayden Gort, Alex Johnson, Joyce Schroeder, Jean Vegdahl, Katy Ziemer

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Scott & Tammy Rudningen

2 - Merle & Barb Gjerde, Jeff & Julie Meyer, Paul & Mary Peterson, Steven & Holly Reigstad

3 – Brent & Kim Brekke

4 - Larry & Mavis Jante, Jerry & Lynne Reierson

5 - Bob & Kathy Kessler, Daryl & Shelli Sanderson

6 - Jay & Beth Gravley, Thomas & Karen Jacobs, David & Carmen Norstedt

7 – Steve & Coretta Czycalla, Herman & Eunice Noethe, Brad & Terri Steffen, Bryce & Nicole Weiss

8 – Craig & Kelly Pickle, Gerald & Ruby Johnson, Chad & Jen Revier

10 - Jeff & Carla Laumb

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Plan to join us on **Sunday, May 1** for a **Potluck Dinner Farewell for Bill & Mary Miller** following the 10:15 service. Bill has been our Lay Pastor of Music and Prayer for 19 years, and this will be his last Sunday at Peace. We will miss Bill's exceptional musical talents and passion for ministry and prayer, but we rejoice with him in his new call to ordained ministry. We will also miss Mary's involvement here at Peace and thank them for all their contributions to Peace's ministry. There will be a short program; please talk with Mark Thompson if you have any "Bill" stories to share.

Please bring a dish to pass: (last name starting with:)

A-B - please bring bread or pickles

C-J - a salad

K-S - a main dish

T-Z - a dessert

See you on May 1st!

