



Voice of Peace

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Good-bye from Pastor Al

Dear members of Peace Lutheran,

When I came two years ago, none of us dreamt that my stay would be so long. Rather quickly, we did the task of self study with a transition team asking all kinds of questions about Peace Lutheran Church: where you have been, where you are now, and where you might be going. Out of that process, we produced a parish profile that could be used by a call committee in the search for a Senior Pastor. Your call committee worked very hard at that task and now you are welcoming Pastor Keith Pearson and family to your congregation. I am excited for you as you go into the months ahead.

There has been a whole lot of change here as you said good-bye to Pastor Corey, Matt, and Bill. In the process, new leadership has come forward in Steve and Kendra and Brooke, and you have Daphne, Joel, Brian and Sherry bringing such excellent musical gifts. Each person brings a different set of gifts than the person who left and that means change. But change is what happens in life.

I want to especially thank you for the kindness and warmth you have given me in these two years, specifically the prayers, cards and visits that came with my knee surgery and recovery and for your expressions of appreciation in these last weeks for my ministry with you. I have enjoyed being with you. Renae and I will both be officially retired and are already planning some travel.

I pray God's blessing on your new beginning with Pastor Keith and one more good-bye time with Pastor Kathy. Endings bring remembrances of thanks and new beginnings around the corner.

Welcome, Pastor Keith

Everyone is invited to join us at Peace on Sunday, October 7 at either the 8:30 or 10:45 AM worship service for the Installation of our new Senior Pastor, Keith Pearson. We are asking that you wear Peace apparel that day. You may have an item of clothing that you purchased with Peace insignia or a T-shirt from a past Stewardship Sunday. Keith and his wife, Janine, will join us for a potluck meal following the 10:45 service.

If your last name begins with: A—H, please bring a main dish
I—Q salad
R—V dessert
W—Z bread or pickles



Church Council Members:

Dean Bigalke

Al Fiskness

Barb Johnson

Keith Hanson

Matt Holland

Joel Johnson

Pat Oss

Chad Renstrom

Daryl Sanderson

Jeff Schmidt

Nick Ventrella

Jim Vossen

Volunteers for October

Greeters

Oct. 7
 8:30 Roger & Alice Stehn
 10:45 Jean Vegdahl

Oct. 14
 8:30 Steve & Deb Schwaegerl
 10:45 Chad & Kristen Woelfel

Oct. 21
 8:30 Steve & Deb Schwaegerl
 10:45 Marlyn & Jackie Orson

Oct. 28
 8:30 Jerry & Bereth Larson
 10:45 Marlyn & Jackie Orson

Ushers

8:30 Wayne & Carolyn Agre
 Bob Anderson
 Dennis & Kathy Dyrdaahl
 Judy Worth

10:45
 7th - DeScheppers
 14th - Austvolds
 21st - Maciks
 28th - Bruce & Nancy Nelson,
 Foster & Karen Hudson

Oct. Altar Guild

Angie Larson, Chm.
 Sandy Czycalla
 Skip Domke
 LeeAnn Hjelle
 Becky Holland
 Julia Iverson
 Cindy Lundberg
 Maureen Pierson
 Marlene Tharaldson
 Virginia Thon
 Kristen Woelfel



Need A Ride?

Peace Van Driver

Oct. 7—Paul Smith
 220-3456
 Oct. 14—Leonard Nelson
 354-3710
 Oct. 21—Paul Smith
 Oct. 28—Leonard Nelson

Financial Report ~ August 2012

General Fund Income and Expense

Fund Balance 7/31/2012	-\$26,505
Income	\$33,348
Expense	\$35,255
Fund Balance 8/31/2012	-\$28,412

Building Peace by Piece Mortgage Fund

Current Indebtedness	\$1,132,723
Income August 2012	\$5,919
Monthly mortgage payment	\$8,229

Adult Forum

Join us for coffee and treats, fellowship and informative talks in the Fellowship Hall.



Oct. 7 - Welcome to Pastor Keith
 Oct. 14 - Jamaica Info and Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser
 Oct. 21 - Cliff & JoAnn Gesellchen—Africa
 Oct. 28 - Al Fiskness—Katharine von Bora Luther



Simply Giving

Simply Giving is an easy way to make your contributions—even when you can't be at church.

- Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.
- Credit & Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a predetermined schedule using a credit or debit card.
- Online Giving lets you go to our website: www.peacenewlondon.com to set up an automatic donation plan or make a one-time donation.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 354-2774.



Walk with *Jesus*



Every day is a walk with Jesus. We Christians believe life is spent in the presence of our Lord. Therefore, we can talk about every day as a day during which we walk with Jesus. Some days we feel Jesus' presence. Some days we feel quite a distance from Jesus. We boldly proclaim that, regardless of how we feel, Jesus is there. Jesus walks with us every day.

As we, who are Peace Lutheran Church, consider our financial stewardship over the next six weeks, we will be asked to think about our use of money and possessions as a part of our walk with Jesus. This is most appropriate, because when Jesus walked this earth with his disciples, he often talked about money and possessions. If money were a part of Jesus' first walk on this earth, it should be a part of our walk with Jesus today.

We believe that everything we have is a trust from God, given to us to care for and manage. What we do with our money is very much a part of our relationship with our Lord. This will be our focus in the coming weeks.

For a number of Sundays starting in October and into November, we will have a weekly bulletin insert and hear a testimonial talk in worship. During this same period of time, we will also receive a number of congregational letters. All of these will focus on our walk with Jesus, and how money plays an important part in this walk. We will not have any of these activities on October 28th which is Confirmation Sunday.

Then, on Sunday, November 11th, each family of Peace Lutheran will have the opportunity to complete an estimate of giving card and share in our Celebration Sunday. On this card, each of us will indicate our plan for giving for the coming year. Our estimate of giving card will not only be a plan for giving to Peace Lutheran Church, it will also be a plan for how we will walk with Jesus in the coming year.

The Peace Stewardship Committee

Opportunities

Benefit for Ed Gilbertson

Ed Gilbertson, husband of Kris, father of Luke (13) and Sam (10) and owner of American Motorcycle in New London, was diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer in March, 2012. In an effort to ease the financial burden of mounting medical bills, time away from work, and daily needs, Ed's family and friends have organized this benefit in his honor on **Saturday, October 6** from **11:00 AM until 4:00 PM** at the New London Legion. The event will include music by Jeff James from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. A chicken dinner (\$8) will be served. There will also be a silent auction beginning at 11:00 AM, a live auction beginning at 1:00 PM and a gun raffle, a bake sale and meat raffle. If you are not able to attend and want to help out, monetary donations may be made payable to: Ed Gilbertson Benefit, c/o United Minnesota Bank, 105 Central Ave., PO Box 289, New London, MN 56273. The tax ID number is 80-0840689.

“Cloud of Witnesses”

Christianity's Story

Have you ever wondered about the story of Christianity from Pentecost to the present? You are invited to attend a Christian education class this fall at Peace Lutheran Church in the theater. The class begins on Wed., Oct 24 at 7:30 and continues for 4 or 5 successive Wednesday evenings. The class will consist of a presentation, DVD, and discussion time.

You are welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office (354-2774) or Al Fiskness (354-4742). More information to follow.

In Our Prayers

Births:

Griffin Mattke Schmitz, son of Angie Mattke and John Schmitz
Avery Alexis Skindelien, daughter of Mark & Danielle Skindelien

People who were in Peace Prayers in August:

Doc Dyrdaahl, Kean Hanson, Cherrish Holland, Bridget Kessler,
Ruth Leipold, Imogene Lothert, Marilyn Luptak, Sharon Nelson,
Marilyn Niemiste, Kaitlin Olson, Paul Olson, Wayne Orson, Al
Sing, Bruce "Spoonie" Vogt, Paula Vollan, Lois Wohlin

Our sympathy is with:

John & Gwynne Anderson and family on the death of
Gwynne's mother, LaVerne Berg.
Eleanor Bidwell on the death of her son, David Lindner.
Karen Thompson and family on the death of her sister,
Janet Thompson
Todd & Charlie Olson and family on the death of Todd's
mother, Beatrice Olson.

Memorials and Special Gifts:

In Memory of:

LaVerne Berg (Gwynne Anderson's mother) - a monetary gift was given to MOP-Bryan Blomker.

Mitch Morrison (Ken & Dorcas Gravley's grandson) - a monetary gift was given to Tuesday's Table.

Jan Hagen - an undesignated monetary gift was given.

Inez Hendrickson (Genell Grund's sister) - undesignated monetary gifts were given.



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

Thank you

Peace Lutheran,

Please accept our check and thanks for allowing [the] American Legion Auxiliary to use your wonderful facilities to prepare and serve the antique car run breakfast [on] August 11, 2012. It is helpful that many of our members are familiar with the church because we are also Peace members. We received many compliments on the building and Peace's openness to allow the building to be used by [the] community. Funds generated from the event will help [the] Auxiliary support veterans' programs so needed today.

Thank you again,

New London American Legion Auxiliary Unit #537

Peace Lutheran Members,

To my fellow Peace Lutheran folks . . . A huge thank you for the donation of school supplies! Your United Way was able to distribute 1,000's of items to our area schools (including NL-S). As always, "Peace Rocks!" Thanks Again!

Renee Nolting,

Executive Director, United Way of West Central Minnesota

Dear brothers and sisters from Peace Lutheran Church,

From behalf of Youth For Christ Moldova and the children and youth we serve here, I'd like to thank you for your generous support. Your commitment to us, shown by your financial contribution, is a great help for us as we are seeking to rescue children at risk and young people for Jesus Christ.

We have started the new school year with fresh energy and some new ideas, focusing on lifting up the local churches in Moldova to be visible in their communities, caring for the weak and taking the gospel to the new generation.

We value your prayers for our ministry. I gladly invite you to visit our webpage for more information about our ministry: www.yfcmoldova.com. In due time, we hope to send you our next newsletter with an update about our summer activities.

Many blessings,

Harald Aalbers

Youth for Christ

Peace Lutheran Women

Women of the ELCA Mission Statement:

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

October 4 9:00 AM – Noon Christian Service Day
Noon PLW Executive Board
October 11 1:30 PM Peace Lutheran Women
Oct. 18 Circles meet

Peace Lutheran Women (PLW) will meet October 11 at 1:30 PM. Al Fiskness, our “visiting lecturer” will present the story of Katie, “Mrs. Martin Luther.” The annual Thankoffering will be observed. This is the offering which Lutheran women have set aside the past year for a special gift for Women of the ELCA projects. The idea is that we are thankful for blessings, large or small, or even tough times, and that we return to God what he has given us so graciously. Lutheran women have presented thankofferings for about 100 years. If you aren’t in the habit of recognizing God’s gifts in this way, you are invited to set aside coins, (or wrap them in bills!!), saving them in jars, a baking powder can, an old purse or even an old sock! Thank you for being thankful!

A note about Lutheran World Relief (LWR) – Thanks to the compassion and generosity of US Lutherans, LWR has sent more than \$12.6 million of aid to people in need in 26 countries in 2011. Thank you for sending Christ’s compassion with Lutheran World Relief.

Remember this date – November 8, 2012 – at 1:30 PM. This is the date for the Memorial Service for those who have died since last All Saints’ Day. You are invited to join in that service of remembrance with families and friends.

Anniversaries—continued from page 11

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

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 2012-2013 is “**Gathered by God**” and will cover session topics such as: gather to learn, gather for fellowship, gather for support, gather to be empowered, gather to be sent. The study will look at all the ways God calls us to gather. The writer, Audrey West, has written other Bible studies for *Lutheran Women Today* - now called *Gather*. She lives in Bethlehem, PA and has served as visiting associate professor of Lutheran studies at Yale Divinity School. The study is found in the magazine, *Gather*. A year’s subscription (10 issues) is \$12 and can be ordered from:

Gather Subscription Order Center
Box 1553
Minneapolis, MN 55440-8730

or you can order online from:
subscriptions@augzburgfortress.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 (Fireside Room)
7:00 P.M. - Altar Guild Circle and Cana Circle (FR)

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 directly to the monthly Special Focus. 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

Peace has supported ELCA Missionaries for many years. For a number of years, we supported Pastor Joyce Graue and her husband, Ian, while they served in Papua New Guinea and, later, in the Central African Republic. Most recently, we have sponsored Pastor Eric Hanson and his wife, Christie, who served in Japan. Pastor Eric and Christie completed their assignment at the end of September, and have accepted a call to Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church near Seattle, Washington. In a recent letter, Eric told about their ministry in Japan:

"As we are approaching the end of our service, both Christie and I have had some time to reflect on what our ministry has meant, both to ourselves and for the Japanese people that we've worked alongside with during these past five years. Here are some reflections that come to mind so far:

- 1) *As missionaries, we never once brought God or Jesus to anybody that we met in Japan. Instead, we've discovered that God and Jesus had been here for a long time before we ever showed up, and we, together with our Japanese brothers and sisters, helped each other discover their presence among us every day.*
- 2) *We discovered that mission work is a two-way street. As a missionary, you start out thinking that you've come to give something away to the people that you serve. In the end, however, we've discovered that we've received more from Japan than anything we had to give. From our Japanese brothers and sisters, we've learned more about God than we knew before we came; we've learned more about friendship than what we knew before we came; we've learned more about ourselves than what we knew before we came, and through seeing how God works in the lives of the Japanese people, we've learned more about how He works in our lives than before we came. We came as people who wanted to serve in a foreign country, but we're leaving as people who were served by the foreign country in which we lived.*
- 3) *We've learned that missionary work doesn't have to be done overseas. One of the reasons that Christie and I are returning to the states is that we've discovered that ministers, while being able to work quite effectively in cultures and countries that are not their own, are probably most effective when working in their own country and cultures (because they know the most about that context!).*

Finally, a little bit about where we, Tokyo Lutheran Church and the Hongo Student Center, will go from here. At this point, Tokyo Lutheran Church has a vibrant English-speaking ministry that consistently draws a very close community together in worship and service, and acts as an evangelistic arm in drawing non-Christians into our fold through Baptism and Christian education. We have a new missionary pastor coming in September who will take over duties as the leader of this ministry. In the same way, the Hongo Student Center, through its English/Bible education ministries continues to act as a doorway ministry for non-Christians who wish to learn more about Jesus, more about the Bible, and more about English in a friendly, open and inquisitive environment. The new missionary will take on those teaching responsibilities as well."

More Mission Opportunities

Operation Christmas Child

It's time to start packing a shoe box gift! Shoe boxes will be available at Peace on October 14. You can also use your own shoe box—wrap the top and bottom separately, or use a plastic shoe box. Filled boxes must be turned in by Sunday, November 11. Boxes are delivered to a warehouse in Minneapolis for shipping.



Operation Christmas Child reports that 2012 marks an important milestone as they will surpass 100 million shoe boxes distributed since 1993. Through gift-filled shoe boxes and evangelistic materials, children across the world are hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

You can help this effort by:

- packing a gift box,
- praying that God will touch each child who receives a box,
- including a \$7 donation per box to cover shipping. You can put a check in your box or give online. If you give online, you will print out a custom label that will enable you to track your box to its delivery.

Mark your calendars for **November 14** when we will participate with the Norway Lake Parish (at First Lutheran Church) in our Food for Kidz (food packaging) project. This is a great mission project for kids and adults!

This year, we will work in two shifts: 4:00 to 5:30 and 5:30 to 7:00. A light meal will be served between 5:00 and 6:00 for \$3.00.

Watch for signup sheets and plan to help!

When you feed a child...
you feed our future.™



Tuesday's Table You are invited to attend and/or to volunteer at Tuesday's Table. Donations of cash or food items are appreciated.



Volunteers help serve, seat and visit with guests, and help with cleanup. This is a great opportunity to serve others and to get to know more Peace members. Come and volunteer with us!

Tuesday's Table meals will be served at:

Oct. 2 - Our Lady of the Lakes in Spicer

Oct. 9 - Evangelical Covenant Church in New London

Oct. 16 - Faith Lutheran in Spicer

Oct. 23 - Peace Lutheran

Oct. 30 - Hope Presbyterian in Spicer



The **Jamaica Mission Team** will be serving pancakes Sunday, **October 14** from 7:30 AM-12:00 PM as a fundraiser for our trip. Hot cakes, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee will be served. There will be a free will donation.

The Team's Bible verse for the week will be from Hebrews 12:1, "...run with perseverance." This is a spinoff of the sermons that Kathy shared with us in August centered around the Olympics, "Go for the Goal: Becoming a Spiritual Champion!" We are planning Olympic Events on Sunday afternoon with the boys and during the evening devotional time, Bible stories of those who persevered will be shared ("Jonah and the Whale" for instance). A week filled with fellowship, love and some work will take place.

A special thank you to all who support our mission trip to the Sunbeam Boys Home! It is very much appreciated.

The boys and staff do look forward to the arrival of the Peace Team!!


Charlie and Cindy

(Missionaries, continued from page 6)

The Synod has just sent us information on a new missionary. Beginning in 2013, we will provide support for the Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Johnson who serves as a seminary professor at the Lutheran Institute of Theology in Cameroon. Elisabeth is a graduate of Luther College in Decorah, IA. She earned a Masters of Divinity degree at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, and received a PhD in Biblical Studies—New Testament from Princeton Theological Seminary. Elisabeth has served as adjunct faculty for Luther Seminary in 2003-2004 and 2007-2008, teaching courses on the Gospels and has written Biblical commentary for Luther Seminary's website for preachers. We look forward to connecting with her and hearing about her ministry.

Through our congregational budget and our monthly mission focus, your donations help to spread the Gospel throughout the world. Donations may be made to "MOP—ELCA Missionary."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	1 6:30 PM NL Garden Club (Theater) 7:00 PM 9th Grade Girl Scouts (CR)	2 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study 12:00 PM Agape ChristCare 3:15-5:00 PM Campus Life MS
7 8:30 AM Traditional Worship; Holy Communion; Installation of Pastor Keith Pearson 9:30 AM Adult Forum; Sunday School; 1st Grade Milestone class "Ten Commandments" (parent & student) 9:30 AM 7th & 8th Grade in Youth Room; 9-12th grade in Fellowship Hall 9:45 AM 5th & 6th Grade trip to Como Zoo (attend 8:30 service) 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship; Holy Communion; Installation of Pastor Keith Pearson Following service - Welcome Potluck for Pastor Keith and family	8 7:00 PM 9th Grade Girl Scouts (CR)	9 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study 12:00 PM Agape ChristCare 3:00-5:00 PM Daisy Scouts (Kindg. Rm) 3:15-5:00 PM Campus Life MS 5:30-9:00 PM Restorative Justice
14 7:30- Noon Pancake breakfast Fund raiser (Jamaica) 8:30 AM Traditional Worship 9:30 AM Adult Forum (Jamaica); Sunday School; 3rd Grade Bible Milestone: Bible (parent & Student) 9:30 AM 7th & 8th grade meet in Youth Room; 9th-12th grades meet in Fireside Room 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship; 3rd graders receive Bibles; Kids Club sings	15 10:00 AM Hospitality ChristCare (Theater) 6:00 PM Healing Hearts Women's Group at Peace (CR) 7:00 PM 9th Grade Girl scouts (CR)	16 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study 12:00 PM Agape ChristCare 3:15-5:00 PM Campus Life MS 7:00 PM Church Council
21 8:30 AM Traditional Worship 9:30 AM Adult Forum; Sunday School (All children in Peace Theater) 9:30 AM 7th-8th Grades (Youth Room) & 9th-12th Grades (Fireside Room) 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship	22 3:00-5:00 PM 4th Grade Girl Scouts (FH) 7:00 PM 9th Grade Girl Scouts (CR) 7:00 PM Mission Committee (Fireside Room)	23 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study 12:00 PM Agape ChristCare 3:00-5:00 PM Daisy Scouts (Kindg. Rm) 3:15-5:00 PM Campus Life MS 5:30-9:00 PM Restorative Justice 6:00 PM Tuesday's Table
28 8:30 AM Traditional Worship 9:30 AM Adult Forum; Sunday School 9:30 AM 7th & 8th Grades and 9th-12th Grades 9:30 AM 4th grade Milestone class: Apostles' Creed (parents and child attend class) 10:45 AM Contemp. Worship; Confirmation; Pre-K sings 11:45 AM-2:00 PM Fireside Room in use 1:45 PM GlenOaks Worship 4:00-6:00 PM Jamaica Team (CR)	29 6:30-8:00 PM Cub Scouts Popcorn Collection Night (FH) 7:00-8:00 PM 9th Grade Girl Scouts (CR)	30 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study 12:00 PM Agape ChristCare 3:15-5:00 PM Campus Life MS

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00 AM "Create Art Together" 12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar 3:10-5:45 PM Kids' Club Swim Event in Willmar 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:20-7:30 PM Adult Choir 7:21-8:45 PM Campus Life/DIG	4 6:30 AM Bible Study at McKale's 9:00 AM Christian Service Day 10:45 AM GlenOaks Holy Communion Noon PLW Executive Board	5	6 6:45 AM 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat (return Sunday) Noon-9:00 PM Bible Reading Retreat (Patrick S.)
10 9:00 AM "Create Art Together" 12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar 3:10-5:00 PM Kids' Club 5:30 PM Executive Committee 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Stewardship Committee mtg. (CR) 6:20-7:30 PM Adult Choir 7:21-8:45 PM Campus Life/DIG	11 6:30 AM Bible Study at McKale's 9:00 AM Legion Quilting 1:30 PM PLW Meeting; Thankofferings	12 2:00 PM West-Ender's Christ-Care 3:30-5:00 PM 5th & 6th grade Girl Scouts	13
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31 9:00 AM "Create Art Together" 12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar NO Kids' Club; NO Meal; NO Confirmation 4:30-6:00 PM Fall Festival 6:20-7:30 PM Adult Choir 7:21-8:45 PM Campus Life/DIG 7:30 PM "Clouds of Witnesses" class (theater)			

Greetings from the Nurses of Peace

By Becky West

A summer 2012 article in Thrivent magazine had instructions for beginning to write family stories. It certainly isn't a big deal - ask a question, then write the answer. But, why would you do that and why is your Parish Nurse encouraging you to do it?

The most common reason for gathering family stories is that, if we don't, we will lose them. The stories my grandma told me make me realize she was an amazing woman. Without her, I wouldn't "Be." Many of my passions are so similar to hers, it is incredible. Understanding her helps me understand myself. Without her stories, I would have lost the stories as well as my memories of her.

I wish I had asked and recorded her answers to things I now find fascinating. Who helped her deliver three babies in a sod house where the only tree was many miles away in a hole dug for an artesian well? Why didn't she tell me more about being adopted when we adopted our second child? Why were the tiny hand-made Indian moccasins so important that she kept them more than 70 years before she gave them to me? All those answers/stories are now gone.

Having family stories is like being able to go back and visit with the person so important in your life. Just thinking of my Grandma allows me to conjure up the smell of her starched, ever-present apron as I snuggled in her lap. The memory of her non-judgmental love always releases my stress.

My Tennessee grandparents were stern, rule enforcing, and somewhat scary. In their own way, I think they cared. Now, I can look back and understand they didn't live in a safe place. There was a reason I shouldn't be cranking up and down the bucket to a deep well, even if it was fun to occasionally bring up a frog. Both cottonmouth and rattlesnakes were prevalent in the unmowed yard. Only with the benefit of history knowledge, do I now understand why I was called "Yankee." In retrospect, I can look at their attitude, but I don't think they would have talked to me.

Sharing stories isn't only about losing the stories, it is also about the advice that comes from living through difficult times and surviving. I hope I never have to use Grandma's advice for surviving Dust Bowl years or grasshopper plagues, but her perseverance gives me courage. History is not just dates and celebrities, it's about everyday people. We are making the history for future generations, but the stories need to be told to be known and remembered.

Hospice has a great pamphlet with questions to get started in recording stories. Internet information with pages of themed questions is available. The most important aspect of story recording is to just "DO IT." Imagine what our faith would be like without benefit of Bible stories. We have no idea how important our story might be to future generations. Recording stories of faith - it is good for your health.

Becky West,
Your Parish Nurse



10th Annual Kandiyohi County Caregiver's Retreat

Thursday, Oct. 25

12:15-3:30 PM

Vinje Lutheran Church

1101 Willmar Ave SW, Willmar



Everyone who is a caregiver or interested in family caregiver issues is welcome to attend. Family caregivers are no charge. See the flyer in the church hallway for the schedule of events. This event replaces the monthly caregiver discussion group which normally meets at Peace.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Carter Bakken, Claudia Balay, Jeff Grefe, Jackie Jeffords, Eric Loterbauer, Lonny Loterbauer, Joan Refling, 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 –Landin Brink, Justin Forbrook, Blake Johnson, Kelsey Johnson, Andrea Karnes, Erin Loterbauer, Bryce Mead, 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, Ashley 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, Madison Mithaugen, Grace Straus, Charlene Zwart

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

21 - Hayley Lungstrom

22 - Sharon Acquard, Brooke Adelman, Duane Barber, Tara Bishop, Gary Bullemer, Staci Gjerde, Julie Pulsifer

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

24 – Hunter Amundson, Brett Chesness, Samantha Ommot, 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, Avery Palmquist, Sharon Samuelson, Jim Terhark

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

29 – Bob Anderson, Krista Dowdey, 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

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 –Jon Ashburn & Lisa Nelson-Ashburn, Sam & Jane Drodofsky, Earl & Violet Manson

21 - Brad & Nancy Arneson, Bill & Stacy Pollard

22 – Garrett & Amanda McCain

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Confirmation Kickoff

We had a great kickoff for Confirmation on September 19. 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!

We will have a **Christmas Craft and Bake Sale** again this year! This event is a fund raiser 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 2 from 8:00 until 11:30 AM. Crafts should be delivered to church by 9:00 AM on Saturday, December 1; please bring baked goods by 8:00 AM on Sunday, December 2.

Sunday Morning Opportunities

Jr. High

Do you enjoy movies? Snacks? Crazy games? Hanging out with your friends? Would you like to do all that and learn how God wants to be part of your life?

7th & 8th graders are invited to meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 AM in the upstairs Youth Room for **“God and the Movies.”** Come enjoy some snacks, games, watch some blockbuster movies and learn how to discern the truth for yourself as you compare the messages contained in the films to the truth of God’s Word.

Snacks start at 9:30 AM, movies start at 9:45.

Important Dates for October:

9th grade:

Retreat: Be at Peace by 6:45 AM on October 6; return October 7.

Confirmation meetings: 6:00-7:15 PM on Oct. 3 and 10. NO Confirmation on Oct. 17.

Faith Statements due: Oct. 10.

Faith Statement interviews: Oct. 17, 18 and 19.

Practice and Pictures: Oct. 24, 6:15 PM.

Rite of Confirmation: Oct. 28; be here by 9:30 AM.

CL/DIG: every Wednesday, 7:21-8:45 PM. (not 10/17)

Dodgeball tournament: Oct. 17 for 9th-12th graders.

Meet in the H.S. gym after the football game!

7th & 8th grades:

Confirmation meets Oct. 3 and 10. NO Confirmation on Oct. 17 or 24.

Tuesday, Oct. 30—Fall Festival set up (more information will come)

Wednesday, Oct. 31—Fall Festival (come after school and we should be done between 6:30 and 7:00 PM). Hosted by 7th & 8th graders as a service project.

Sr. High

Ever wonder what in the world God put you on earth for? Why he made you like he did? What God or his Word have to do with your life? Ninth through twelfth graders are invited to grab a friend and join us for snacks, fun, low-key, no-pressure conversation and an honest look at how the Word of God applies to your life as a teenager in the 21st century.

We’re meeting in the Fireside Room from 9:30-10:30 AM Sunday mornings. (For more info contact Bryan Blomker at 320-224-7268.)

Peace Has Clean Sweep—2nd Annual Peace vs. Faith Golf Tournament Fund Raiser!

Peace will keep the coveted traveling cup in this year's Peace vs. Faith Golf Tournament Fund raiser for our youth. Peace took all three categories: the most money raised, lowest team score (-7) and lowest combined nine teams' score of -21. Our winning team of Harold Young, Greg Stehn, Josh Cole and John Hartley will have their names placed on our wall plaque.

Thank you to the Peace golfers: Gwynne Anderson, Ron & Kelly Baeth, Steve & Melissa Bergeson, Jeff & Julie Clark, Josh Cole, Glen, Cheryl and Mark Danielson, William & Susan DeSchepper and family, Tim and Joey Dreier, Barb Gjerde, John Hartley, Loren, Alice and Scott Hjelle, Chad Larsen, Gretchen Luther, Greg Stehn, John Stone, Rick & Brenda Swenson, Mike, Maribeth and Blake Williamson, Judy Worth, Harold Young.

Thank you to our sponsors:

Wayne & Carolyn Agre – Agre Insurance Agency

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John & Gwynne Anderson – in memory of Gwynne's mother, LaVerne Berg

Lyle & Charlene Bengtson – in memory of Lance Bengtson

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Helen Peterson

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Rick & Brenda Swenson – in honor of granddaughter, Rakiah

Becky West – in memory of sister, Tomi Evenson, who shot her first hole-in-one on the day she died



See you next year!

And a **Big Thank You** to Sam Drodofsky for cooking our burgers and being a gracious host as Golf Pro for Little Crow Country Club, and to our Youth Team: Steve & Kendra Van Meter and Brooke Vasilko and to Pastor Kathy.

John Hartley

9:30AM-10:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRE-K - Meet in Classrooms at 9:30 am

1-4 - Meet in Chapel at 9:30 am

5-6 - Meet in Club 56 room at 9:30 am

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 are located in the church library. You may take the forms, fill them out and return them to the church office or complete the forms and leave them there.

THANK YOU to ALL

who helped out with our **KICKOFF** to Sunday School on September 9, by setting up, tearing down, working games, registration, and cakes! The children had a blast with the different activities and the **CAKEWALK** was **NUMBER 1** for most!!!



ARACELY CASTILLO - OUR COMPASSION SPONSOR CHILD

Just to let you know . . .

Aracely's birthday is coming up in **NOVEMBER!!!** Her birthday is November 7, 2001. She 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 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 who are sponsored do not have much money and will share their gifts with their entire family!



Kids' Club

Children should ride Bus #4 to Peace

10/3 - 3:10-5:45, **YMCA- SWIMMING** – Please have \$7 fee, suit, towel and permission turned in before the 3rd! If your child is a member of the YMCA, please let me know in advance, as we need to let the staff there know! Thanks!

10/10- 3:10-5:00

10/14 – SUNDAY – Kids' Club SING @ 10:45am Service.
Children meet in CHAPEL @ 10:30am

10/17- NO KIDS' CLUB

10/24 - 3:10-5:00

10/31- NO KIDS' CLUB – Fall Festival 4:30-6:00 pm

MILESTONES

Classes are held in the Multi-Purpose Room unless otherwise noted.

10/7 – 1st Grade – Ten Commandments at 9:30 am

10/14 – 3rd Graders – Bible Milestone at 9:30 am

3rd Graders - Receive Bibles at 10:45 am Service

10/28- 4th Grade – The Apostles' Creed at 9:30 am

IT IS TIME TO START THINKING CHRISTMAS!!!

Let me know if you would like to help out with this year's Christmas Program!

We are beginning on November 4th and November 7th!

We will start placing parts on these two days and handing out lines as well!



Pre-Kindergartner's

- 10/7- A Giant Staircase, pg. 48, in The Jesus Storybook Bible
10/14- The Forgiving Prince, pg. 76, in The Jesus Storybook Bible
10/21- ALL CHILDREN IN THEATER
10/28- Ten Ways to be Perfect, pg. 100, in The Jesus Storybook Bible

Children should meet in their assigned classrooms and pick up child in classroom, unless otherwise noted.

1st-4th Graders –

- 10/7- Esther - Children meet in CHAPEL with Shepherds. Check the posted sign for classroom schedule. Pick up child in the gym.
10/14 – Esther - Children meet in CHAPEL with Shepherds. Check the posted sign for classroom schedule. Pick up child in the gym.
KIDS' CLUB Sing @ 10:45am Service. Children meet in CHAPEL @ 10:30am.
10/21 - ALL CHILDREN IN THEATER
10/28 – 1st-4th Grade in THEATER - Children meet in CHAPEL with Shepherds. Pick up child in the gym.



5th-6th Graders

- 10/7- COMO ZOO, Children should attend 8:30 service. Load bus at 9:45 am. We're leaving at 10 am, returning at 6 pm. Cost: \$10; bring a bag lunch.
DO NOT bring anything that is of value to you, we DO NOT want anything LOST or STOLEN!
10/14- What if my parents ask me to do something wrong?
KIDS' CLUB Sing @ 10:45 am Service. Children meet in CHAPEL @ 10:30 am.
10/21- ALL CHILDREN IN THEATER
10/28- Why doesn't everyone go to heaven?

Miscellaneous

Camron Hedman has recently joined the Navy.
His address is:
SR HEDMAN, CAMRON M.
SHIP 13 DIV 365
RECRUIT TRAINING COMMAND
3420 SAILOR DRIVE
GREAT LAKES, IL 60088-3520

The **Crow River Lutheran** women are holding their **Soup & Sandwich Supper and Auction** on Wednesday, October 3 from 4:00-7:00 PM at Crow River Lutheran Church located on Hwy. 71 south of Belgrade. Along with a meal, you are invited to visit The Garden, The Bakery and The Craft Store. Raffle tickets are being sold for a chance to win a quilt or gift certificates to local merchants. Supper begins at 4:00 PM (free will donation) and the auction begins at 7:00 PM.

Hope Presbyterian Church is holding its Annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, **October 6** from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The event includes crafts of all kinds, morning coffee and rolls, a cookie walk, bake sale, gently-used items, delicious lunch and a raffle (antique bedspread and antique tablecloth).



Tripolis Lutheran Church Fall Supper will be held on Thursday, **October 11** from 4:00-7:30 PM. Adults are \$7.00; children ages 5-10 are \$3.00; children 4 and under are free. The church is located 3 miles south of Kandiyohi on Co. Rd. 8.



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FALL FESTIVAL

The **Annual Community Fall Festival** will be held on

Wednesday, October 31 from 4:30 to 6:00 PM

for children age 10 and under.

Cost: \$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.

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.