



# Voice of Peace

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## Taking Care of God's Creation

By Pastor Kathy

Genesis 1:31: "God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good."

Luke 12:42: "... Who then is the faithful and wise steward?"



I heard recently about the amount of food Minnesota grows per acre – it is astronomical! The rich soil upon which we dwell is helping to feed millions of people. We are given the responsibility to take care of the earth "and all that is a part of it." I remember when my father, Glen Rambow, got involved in ridge-tilling, a way to plant seed that helps prevent erosion. It was important to him, as a farmer who worked

God's soil, to take care of the land for the generations to come.

My father was always interested in taking measures to be a good steward of the earth. "Waste not, want not" was one of the sayings he lived by. Our own ELCA Synod Mission Statement includes these words, "God places us in cities, towns and farms together under one prairie sky . . . by God's grace, we have what we need."

Another saying my father lives by is "make do with what you have." When he farmed, he was known to be able to fix anything with a bunch of wire and some bale twine.

Recently, one of my cousin's (Suzanne's) husband, Clayton Rye, got to visiting with my father over coffee. The result was a newspaper article in The Farm News of Fort Dodge, Iowa, near where Clayton & Suzanne live. How they got on this subject, I don't know, but my dad told Clayton about an experience he had many years ago on the farm. Dad had an International Harvester Model 303 self-propelled combine that he was having problems with when he was harvesting. It kept plugging up, and Dad would have to repeatedly get off the combine to clean out the back end. Finally, he had to do something, so he rigged up what Clayton called, "the first combine monitor." Using a lid off a hog self-feeder, a car horn, and a push-button electrical switch, he solved the problem. When the combine started to plug, the excess chaff would put pressure against the self-feeder lid which would swing against the push-button electrical switch and set off the car horn. Then Dad knew a plug was imminent, and he needed to slow

### 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

## Greeters

May 6

8:30 Steve & Trudie Lieser

10:45 Lonny & Vonnie Loterbauer

May 13

8:30 Paul & Jane Hjelle

10:45 Tom & Jean Lindemann

May 20

8:30 Jerry & Bereth Larson

10:45 Tim & Melissa Hansen

May 27—Summer schedule begins

8:30 Don & Becky Holland

**(NO 10:45 service at Peace during the summer)**

## May Altar Guild

Judy Worth, Chm.

Carolyn Agre

Marie Bakke

Sherry Bratsch

Shari Christiansen

Cheryl Danielson

Gail Olson

Mary Peterson

Diane Rupp

Debbie Schwaegerl

Sandra Vollan

## Ushers

**8:30** Merle & Barb Gjerde

Dennis & Diane Rupp

**10:45**

May 6 - Gary & Dianne Pickle;  
Mike & Crystal Dahlberg family

May 13 - Koosman family;  
Mike & Crystal Dahlberg family

May 20 - Macik family



**Need A Ride?**

**Peace Van**

**Driver -**

Wayne

Beecroft

354-3564

## Financial Report ~ March 2012

### General Fund Income and Expense

Fund Balance 3/1/2012	-\$16,368
Income	\$31,722
Expense	\$36,715
Fund Balance 3/31/2012	-\$21,361

### Building Peace by Piece Mortgage Fund

Current Indebtedness	\$1,150,582
Income March 2012	\$7,086
Monthly mortgage payment	\$8,229



## 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](http://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.

## Adult Forums

May 6 - Humane Society—Darlene Larson

May 13 - Children's Ministry. Registration for Sunday School for fall will take place in the Fellowship Hall.

May 20 - Senior Recognition (12th graders come for a special brunch and forum attendees get to offer words of wisdom).

The 20th is the last regularly scheduled forum for the summer. Coffee and goodies will be served throughout the summer, and there may be special speakers scheduled.



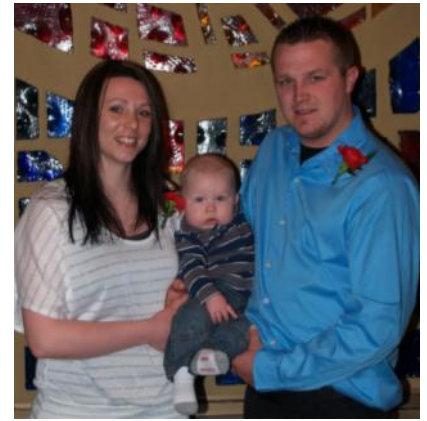
## New Members



Bryan Ashburn  
(wife, Meggie is a member)



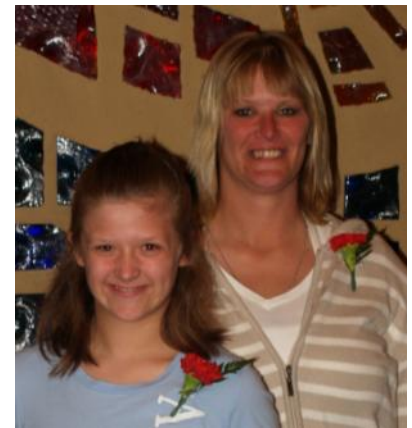
Karen & Foster Hudson



Rashelle & Jamie Mead and Bryce



Lisa Mohrmann and Colin Sieve



Tammy Wold and daughter, Rikki

## Apology

“The Peace Church Council would like to apologize to anyone who arrived late due to our failure to update the last Easter Sunday service time to 10:15 on the website. We deeply regret any impact this oversight had on you or your family’s Easter Worship.”

We have also edited the website information about worship times around Christmas and Easter.

## Peace Council

### Taking Care of God’s Creation (continued from page 1)

down or stop before the back end was completely plugged. He used what he had available and his own ingenuity to solve the problem.

As we are in the midst of this planting season, I think it is good for all of us to remember to appreciate God’s beautiful creation – and also to remember that we have been given “dominion” over all of it. It is often better to “make do” than consume more products. It is better to “waste not, want not” than to buy things we don’t need. We are the caretakers and stewards for this generation and the ones to follow. When God was finished creating, God said, “It is very good.”

## In Our Prayers

### **Baptisms:**

AshleyJo Lou Dahl, daughter of Jaimi Dahl  
Bryce Mead, son of Jamie & Rashelle Mead  
Jamie Mead

### **Weddings:**

Lacey Olson & Craig Barker  
Carla Hedtke & Rich Middagh Jr.



### **People who were in Peace Prayers in April:**

Sebastian Amundson, Jean Asche, Ellen Benson, Lee Carlson, Jason Dahlberg, Kean Hanson, Eli Martens, Ryan Newville, Shirley Olson, Wayne Orson, Nathan Rogalski, Al Sing, Evelyn Vegdahl, Bruce (Spoonie) Vogt, Paula Vollan



### **Our sympathy is with:**

Jim & Cheryl Riebe on the death of Cheryl's mother, Elizabeth Irwin  
Don & Gladys Lungstrom on the death of Gladys' sister, Evelyn Hilleren  
Bud & Toodie Spletter on the death of Bud's sister, Helen Hubel  
The family of Brian Nelson (wife, Wanda, and children; sister, Marie Bakke and family)  
The family of Marilyn Hahn (former pastor Del Hahn, daughter, Kristiena Illies and family)  
Diane Meyer and family on the death of Mike Meyer  
Leon & Sherri Nelson and family on the death of Leon's father, Jerome Nelson  
The family of Harvey Monson (sons: Charles and Elroy and their families, sister-in-law, Kathy Monson and family)



## Memorials and Special Gifts:

### **In Memory of:**

Marilyn Hahn - monetary gifts were given to Sunday School, MOP-Sunbeam, MOP, Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, MOP-Food Shelf, and undesignated funds which the family is giving to Education, and a monetary gift to Education from Rev. Delwayne Hahn\*

Evelyn Hilleren (Gladys Lungstrom's sister) - a monetary gift was given to MOP-Bryan Blomker

Brian Nelson - monetary gifts were given to MOP-Bryan Blomker, Altar Guild, MOP-Food Shelf, MOP, MOP-Habitat and the Good Samaritan Fund.

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

## Peace Lutheran Women (continued from page 5)

### **Peace Lutheran Women are collecting:**

#### **Christian Literature:**

Bibles, commentaries, Bible dictionaries, devotional books, and unused Sunday School materials. Denominational names ("Lutheran," etc.) may NOT be printed on the outside covers. "Decision," the Billy Graham magazine is the only periodical we ask for. Materials can be left in the Christian Service room (Peace workshop) or in the church office.

#### **Items for Personal Care Kits (for each kit):**

One light-weight bath-size towel (maximum 52" x 27"), dark color recommended  
Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping  
One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging  
One sturdy comb, remove packaging  
One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

# Peace Lutheran Women

May 3 **9:00 AM-Noon** Christian Service Day

**Noon** Peace Lutheran Women  
Board meeting

Besides making quilts, we will pack Lutheran World Relief Personal Care kits and continue packing Christian literature boxes. These projects will be offered at the 25th Convention of the Southwestern MN Synodical Women's Organization of the Women of the ELCA. This 25th "birthday" celebration will be held June 15-16 at Faith Lutheran, Spicer and Green Lake Bible Camp.

"Be a Spark - Light a Fire" is the theme for the convention which will begin with a communion service and end with the Green Lake Bluegrass Band. In between will be business sessions, outstanding speakers, special interest tracks, camp craft projects, a celebration banquet, a concert by the Faith Lutheran Chancel Choir and much more! Registration is \$50.00, due May 25. Peace people have the shortest travel time — maybe we can boost attendance! Bev (354-0124) has more information and the registration forms.

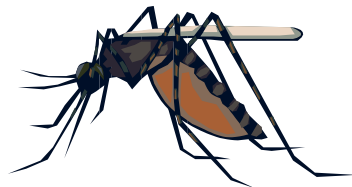
May 10 **6:30 PM** Salad Supper (note change in time)

May (the Merry Month) is the time for our salad supper. It's a potluck meal of salads. If you and a friend wish to bring one salad, that's great! So, gather in the Fellowship Hall for a nice salad meal at 6:30 PM, with a bonus of fellowship and a program of music by Fred and Deb Everson. Serving Group I is arranging the buffet meal and kitchen duties. You are invited to enjoy the evening with old friends and new friends.

## Malaria Project Score:

Nets: 35 plus

Mosquitos: Fewer than  
last month!



You can donate to this project on May 6 when we will recognize World Malaria Day. It's only \$10 to provide a life-saving mosquito net for a family!

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## 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 on Thursday, May 17. You are welcome to join a Circle at one of these 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 is the last session in the series "To Follow and To Serve: the Gospel of Mark." This session is called, "Go and Tell," and the theme verse is "Do not be alarmed, you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here." (Mark 16:6)

## Coffee and the church

An 8-year-old girl who lived two doors away from a retired pastor asked him, "Why do you drink coffee?" The surprised pastor answered with a smile, "Because I like the taste of it and it gets me going in the morning."

That pastor might have been interested in this bit of trivia: In 1592, Pope Clement VIII declared coffee to be a legitimate drink for Christians. Before that edict, it had been labeled "the wine of infidels" because of its popularity among non-Christians."

# 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!

## May Special Focus: Peoples Church in Bemidji

By Mavis Jante

Peace Lutheran has been one of the sponsors for this church for approximately eleven years. Pastor Bob Kelly and his wife, Carol, have pastored this church from its inception, and now have also started another church in Cass Lake. Pastor Bob bought a large, five-bedroom house there and is in the process of remodeling it to serve both as a parsonage and a church.



Peoples Church serves a mostly Native American congregation and the very poor. They provide a noon meal seven days a week, Bible study,



AA meetings and a clothing resource. They also own four homes which they rent out, all in the area around the church. In addition, Pastor Bob started a craft business hoping to employ some of the local people who are having trouble finding work. They make evergreen wreaths at Christmas, birchbark baskets and pussy willow wreaths. Their goal is to have youth groups in churches sell these products for a percentage of the profit.

I try to visit the church about every two months on a Sunday. In May, I will bring up tomato plants for the members. They love to have a plant they can grow outside their home or apartment. They can always use blankets, pillows and any type of bedding, which I will be glad to deliver for you. Another item Pastor Bob can use are carpenter tools for his Cass Lake project.

You can visit the church's website at [www.peopleschurch-elca.org](http://www.peopleschurch-elca.org). Monetary donations may be made to "MOP-Peoples Church." Use the yellow mission envelope you receive in the mail or indicate "Peoples Church" on your check.

Pastor Bob and Carol are scheduled to be grandparents this summer. Please keep these people in your prayers, and if you have any questions about this ministry, feel free to call me.

Mavis Jante

# More Mission Opportunities

We are beginning to plan our Gardens, Art & Music fund raiser for our **Food for Kidz** project. If you are interested in helping to plan this event, please call the church office at 354-2774. The event date is set for Thursday, July 12. Watch for more information.

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

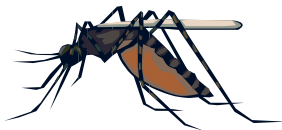


**Congratulations** to Vickie Vogt who received the Good Neighbor Award for her volunteer work with the Food Shelf! Vickie has been active with the Link and has been instrumental in Peace's Tuesday's Table meals. Thanks, Vickie, for all you do!

## World Malaria Day

Spring has arrived and so have the mosquitos. Aren't you glad you have screens on your windows and that we don't worry about Malaria in Minnesota?

We are recognizing **World Malaria Day** on Sunday, May 6. The ELCA, along with eleven African companion churches, is working to raise \$15 million in the global effort to prevent, treat and contain malaria by 2015. Peace Lutheran Women (PLW) are participating in this effort. There will be a special offering to purchase insecticide-treated mosquito nets which can help prevent Malaria, a treatable and preventable disease that kills more than 800,000 people a year, mostly children, in Africa. Plan to participate by donating \$10 (or whatever you can give) to purchase a net. Checks should be made to "PLW—mosquito nets."



The next MOP (Mission Committee) meeting will be Wednesday, May 23 at 6:30 (note change from usual date) in the Fireside Room. If you are interested in Peace's missions, please join us.

## Tuesday's Table

You are invited to volunteer at Tuesday's Table. In April, we served 158 guests (plus 16 volunteers)! Donations are appreciated to help pay for meals. Talk to Vickie Vogt to see what items are needed. Each month, we need milk and pans of bars. In May, we will be serving a chicken hotdish. Volunteers help serve, seat and visit with guests, and help with cleanup. Come and volunteer with us!



Tuesday's Table meals will be served at:

May 1 - Our Lady of the Lakes in Spicer

May 8 - Evangelical Covenant Church in New London

May 15 - Faith Lutheran in Spicer


May 22 - Peace Lutheran

May 29 - Hope Presbyterian Church

The **New London Link site** is open Tuesdays from 2:00-6:00 PM and Thursdays from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. They are happy to receive donations of gently used furniture, kitchenware, linens, bedding and appliances. They are especially in need of silverware and pots and pans.



The United Way is again sponsoring an "**Undie Sunday Drive**" to collect items for those in need. During the month of May, we will have a collection box in the gathering space. Items needed include: new underwear (men's, women's, teens, children's) - briefs, boxers, bras, socks, undershirts, etc. They can also use feminine hygiene products and personal hygiene products. Thanks for helping!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		<p>1</p> <p><b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study  <b>9:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>9:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study  <b>12:00 PM</b> Agape ChristCare  <b>3:10-5:00 PM</b> Campus Life MS</p>
<p>6</p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship; Holy Communion  <b>9:30 AM</b> 8th graders meet in Fireside Room for Adopt A Highway project; return to church by 11:30 AM  <b>9:45 AM</b> Adult Forum; Sunday School  <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship; Holy Communion  <b>5:30-7:00 PM</b> Kitchen &amp; Conf. room in use</p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>3:00-5:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts (FH, gym, kitchen)  <b>6:30-8:00 PM</b> Photo Voices/LINK  <b>7:00-8:30 PM</b> Cub Scout Pack Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study  <b>9:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>9:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study  <b>12:00 PM</b> Agape ChristCare  <b>3:10-5:00 PM</b> Campus Life MS  <b>3:10-5:00 PM</b> Daisy Scouts  <b>5:30-9:00 PM</b> Restorative Justice</p>
<p>13—Camp scholarship applications are due</p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship  <b>9:45 AM</b> Adult Forum (Children's Ministry); registration for Sunday School  <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship; ALL children (preschool-6th grade) sing</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b> Hospitality ChristCare in Peace theater</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study  <b>9:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>9:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study  <b>12:00 PM</b> Agape ChristCare  <b>3:10-5:00 PM</b> Campus Life MS  <b>5:30 PM</b> Finance Committee  <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council</p>
<p>20</p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship; Carpenter's Tools  <b>9:45 AM</b> Adult Forum (High School Seniors special breakfast at Forum); Sunday School (last day)  <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship; Carpenter's Tools; 10th grade Driver's License Milestone; Seniors recognized; Sunday School Volunteers Appreciation Sunday (picnic to follow service at Shores of St. Andrew)  <b>6:30-8:00 PM</b> Little Crow 4H (FH, gym)</p>	<p>21—newsletter articles due</p> <p><b>6:30-8:00 PM</b> Photo Voices/LINK</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study  <b>9:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>9:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study  <b>12:00 PM</b> Agape ChristCare  <b>3:10-5:00 PM</b> Campus Life MS  <b>3:10-5:00 PM</b> Daisy Scouts  <b>5:30-9:00 PM</b> Restorative Justice  <b>6:00 PM</b> Tuesday's Table at Peace</p>
<p>27—SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS</p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Summer Worship at Peace  <b>9:45 AM</b> Sibley Park Worship</p>	<p>28—MEMORIAL DAY—church office closed</p>	<p>29</p> <p><b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study  <b>9:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study  <b>9:00 AM</b> Men's Bible Study  <b>12:00 PM</b> Agape ChristCare  <b>3:10-5:00 PM</b> Campus Life MS</p>



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> "Create Art Together"</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> Bible Study in Willmar</p> <p><b>3:10-5:00 PM</b> Wednesday Kids Club (5th &amp; 6th grades go bowling)</p> <p><b>5:00-6:00 PM</b> Meal</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation</p> <p><b>6:20 PM</b> Adult Choir</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> DIG</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>6:30 AM</b> Bible Study at McKale's</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Christian Service Day</p> <p><b>10:45 AM</b> GlenOaks Holy Communion</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> PLW Executive Board</p> <p><b>3:15-5:00 PM</b> Campus Life HS</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>3:15 PM</b> Girl Scout event begins (ends at noon on Saturday)</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>9</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> "Create Art Together"</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> Bible Study in Willmar</p> <p><b>3:10-5:00 PM</b> <u>LAST Kids Club</u> (Picnic at Sibley Park)</p> <p><b>5:00-6:00 PM</b> Meal (pizza)</p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> Executive Committee</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation (<u>last</u> until fall)</p> <p><b>6:20 PM</b> Adult Choir</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Finance Committee</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> DIG (<u>last</u> until fall)</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>6:30 AM</b> Bible Study at McKale's</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Legion Quilting</p> <p><b>9:00 AM—Noon</b> Lakeland Conference Pastors' Meeting (FH and sanctuary)</p> <p><b>3:15-5:00 PM</b> Campus Life HS</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Peace Lutheran Women (PLW) Salad Supper</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>2:00 PM</b> West-Ender's ChristCare</p> <p><b>3:15 PM</b> Girl Scouts (FH)</p> <p><b>3:30 PM</b> Girl Scouts (8th) (CR)</p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>7:00—10:00 AM</b> Garden Club plant sale in parking lot</p> <p><b>1:00-3:00 PM</b> Open House Bridal Shower for Tara Mattke, bride-elect of Ben Bigalke (FH, kitchen, gym)</p>
<p>16</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> "Create Art Together"</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> Bible Study in Willmar</p> <p><b>6:20 PM</b> Adult Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>6:30 AM</b> Bible Study at McKale's</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Bethlehem Circle at McKale's</p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> Bethany Circle at GlenOaks</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Caregiver's Discussion Group at Becky West's home</p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> Nazareth Circle at Peace</p> <p><b>3:15-5:00 PM</b> Campus Life HS</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Cana Circle / Altar Guild</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>10:00 am—2:30 pm</b> FH, gym, kitchen in use</p>
<p>23</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> "Create Art Together"</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> Bible Study in Willmar</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Mission Committee (MOP) (Fireside Room) (<b>note change of date</b>)</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>6:30 AM</b> Bible Study at McKale's</p> <p><b>3:15-5:00 PM</b> Campus Life HS</p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>2:00 PM</b> West-Ender's ChristCare</p> <p><b>3:15 PM</b> Girl Scouts (FH)</p> <p><b>3:30 PM</b> Girl Scouts (8th) (CR)</p>	<p>26</p>
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# Greetings from the Nurses of Peace

By Becky West

Earlier than normal spring-like weather has been both good news and bad news. Gardens are way ahead with the promise of early harvest, but freezing weather when fruit tree blossoms are vulnerable may mean no harvest at all. Worst of the bad news is critter onslaught. Mosquitoes were first heard in February, then soon after I discovered the first tick.

Mosquitoes and ticks are annoying, but can also be a significant health threat. Repellants along with protective clothing are smart protective tactics. Anyone who appreciates our beautiful outdoors will be exposed no matter how careful, so it is important to be aware of symptoms that are especially significant.

Mosquito activity is greatest at dusk to dawn, so if you have to be out during those hours you should be especially vigilant. DEET-containing repellants are recommended by the MN Department of Health for both mosquitoes and ticks. Mosquito bites in Minnesota are a concern for the transmission of West Nile Virus. Symptoms are usually mild: fever, nausea, vomiting, headache, rash, neck stiffness. For the one in 150 people who experience severe symptoms, medical attention should be immediate.

Deer ticks, those guys so small they look like a tiny pebble, are responsible for Lyme disease, but the more common ticks can also spread serious disease. A total body check for ticks should be done every day if any time is spent outdoors.



Symptoms do not usually appear until 14 days after exposure, but diagnosis is difficult and the sooner treatment is started the more successful it will be. Treatment may be initiated only when an engorged (swollen) tick is found. It takes the tick hours (12-24) to inject enough saliva to transmit disease. The classic symptom of Lyme disease is a bull's eye target, but that is not consistently present. Later symptoms are similar to those of mosquito-borne disease, but are more significant and often elude successful treatment. No human vaccine is currently available for any of the tick borne diseases, but our dog gets a monthly treatment that reduces his tick population. Because he is a house dog, that reduces the number of ticks we find in the house.



If a tick is discovered, it should be removed carefully. Avoid squeezing the tick which can result in injecting even more potentially harmful saliva. Removed ticks should not be smashed with fingernails, since that can also increase your exposure. I wrap them in toilet paper and drop them into a toilet, or put them into a container of water with detergent or oil additive. Either way, they can't swim out and stalk us. Maybe it's violent, but tick disease is serious.

The Minnesota Department of Health stresses that preventing exposure is the most important tactic for minimizing risk to critter-transmitted diseases. Diligence, vigilance, and faith - all are very good for your health.

Your Parish Nurse, **Becky West**

## Thanks

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who were involved in Peace Project Runway. It was an amazing success! Our thanks to local stores, our models, bakers, set up & clean up crew, servers and to all who attended. There was a wonderful variety of coffee cakes (extras served Tuesday's Table, too!), and they were delicious! We also enjoyed the yummy fudge donated by Country Stop! It was fun to see a selection of what New London has to offer. We hope everyone had a good time!



**Project Runway Committee**

To my Peace Lutheran family,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, calls and visits. Orlean is a good nurse, but doesn't like to cook, so thank you to all who brought food to eat. A special thank you to the West-Enders ChristCare. Your support will be something I will always treasure.

God has blessed me and I pray for his continued blessings for each of you and Peace Lutheran.

**Shirley Olson**

Thank you for your visits, prayers, food and cards during and after my two hospital visits.

**Ellen Benson**

## Oswald Hoffmann

### “Bringing Christ to the Nations”

Dr. Oswald Hoffmann (1913-2005) was a long time popular speaker for *The Lutheran Hour*, a radio ministry of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). He was ordained in 1939 entering into almost a seventy year career in various aspects of ministry. He was an author, pastor, radio broadcaster, classical and linguistics scholar, teacher, translator, public relations director, film production adviser, and member of several organizational boards.

Dr. Hoffmann is probably best known for his role as the speaker for *The Lutheran Hour*. Beginning in 1955, Dr. Hoffmann became a Sunday morning radio institution for 33 years, until retiring in 1988. I recall listening to his deep resonant voice and energetic preaching style. Dr. Hoffmann sensed a strong call to ministry. He loved to preach, and his radio voice proclaimed the message of Jesus Christ to millions of people around the world.

He was also a consultant and friend to foreign dignitaries and American presidents including Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Nixon, as well as world religious leaders, including the Rev. Billy Graham. Perhaps an appropriate tribute to Dr. Hoffmann’s ministry can be summed up in the words of Billy Graham who wrote in the foreword of Hoffmann’s autobiography, *What More Is There To Say But Amen* (Concordia Publishing House, 1996). Dr. Graham writes, “. . . few preachers in our generation have spoken as eloquently and as forcefully for Christ as my friend Oswald Hoffmann . . . this story of his life will bless and inspire many as it points them to Christ, who Oswald Hoffman has sought to serve throughout his life.”

I had about five opportunities to be in attendance when Dr. Hoffmann was the featured speaker. One was an anniversary celebration of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Willmar. I was also privileged to meet him personally at a Lutheran Youth Encounter rally in the early 1970’s. The last time I heard him was in 2000 when he was the guest speaker at the Luther Seminary Chapel. He had undergone major mouth surgery ten years earlier for a malignant tumor under the tongue. He had to learn to speak all over again, and he would repeat Psalm 90 as part of the therapy. When asked about his health, he revealed his sense of humor saying, “I have a little impediment in my speech, but so did Moses. I guess I’m in good company.”

Dr. Hoffmann died on September 8, 2005 at the age of 91. We give thanks for Dr. Hoffmann’s ministry of “Bringing Christ to the Nations” as proclaimed in the opening statement of each Sunday’s broadcast of *The Lutheran Hour*.

## Miscellaneous



West Central Singers presents “In Life and In Death . . . We Belong to God” on Sunday, May 6 at 4:00 PM at Bethel Lutheran Church in Willmar. The program features “Requiem” by John Rutter and other favorite folk songs, hymns and spirituals. The West Central Singers are directed by John Jahr. Tickets are available at the door; \$8 for adults, \$5 for students. The program is made possible by a grant from the Willmar Area Arts Council.

On Saturday, May 19, from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm, there will be a “Hero’s Hero Brunch” for **Mothers and Grandmothers of those who are currently serving in the military**. The event will be held at the Willmar Community Center (Hwy. 71 NE), and guest speakers will include Bert Marth and daughter, Shirly Farasyn. Music will be by Special Delivery. Reservations are required as seating is limited. Please RSVP to [www.homefrontconnection.org](http://www.homefrontconnection.org) or call 212-7549.

## Sunday School—May Rotational Schedule

### Preschool-Kindergarten

May 6 and 13 - Sunday School

May 20 - Last day parties

### 1st - 4th

May 6 and 13 - "Easter Go and Tell"

May 20 - Last day parties

### Club 56

May 6 - "Is God a Party Pooper?"

May 13 - "Can Being a Christian Ever Be Fun?"

May 20 - Last day party

## Singing Schedule

**May 13**—ALL children sing at the 10:45 AM service



**May 20th** is the LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL.

It is also **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY!**

Children's Ministry volunteers (and their families) are invited to a picnic at Shores of St. Andrew following the 10:45 AM service. Please call the church office at 354-2774 if you are able to attend. Thanks!

## Wednesday Kids' Club Activities

May 2 - Kids' Club meets, 3:10—5:00 PM (5th & 6th grades go bowling)

May 9 - 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 church office (354-2774) if you would like to attend.



## Vacation Bible School



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

We are working with the "GO-FISH" guys again this year.

Please sign your kids up as soon as possible. **VBS is free!**

**JULY 30—AUGUST 2**

**5:30-7:30 PM**

**For ages 3 years through 4th grade**

A meal will be served at 5:00 PM each night for a cost of \$3 per person or a maximum of \$12 per family.

### Missions:

#### MN FoodShare Update

The 3-year-olds through 6th grade students brought in 524 food and personal care items for our local Food Shelf! WAY TO GO, KIDS! The total weight was a whopping 391 pounds!



## JUST TEXT ME!!!

Is information not reaching you FAST ENOUGH? Did you forget swimming is tomorrow? Let us help you out by getting up-to-date messages from Peace Lutheran by TEXT!!!

Go to [www.ministrytext.com/join/LoriPederson](http://www.ministrytext.com/join/LoriPederson)

You will be asked for your name and cell phone number.

You will receive PIN # from [www.ministrytext.com](http://www.ministrytext.com), which you will enter and be allowed to join our texting circle!

You can choose from several groups to receive information from such as Kids' Club, your child's age group, Choir, Peace Members and Friends, and several more. If your cell phone has text messaging, this is a great way to get the information you need! Call Lori at 354-2774 if you have questions.



## More Youth . . . Continued from page 14

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, Scott Balay, Carmen Macik, Matt & Lindsay Freeland, Chuck & Renee Nolting, Bryan & Jill Blomker, Chad Renstrom, John Dahl, Bryson Wachter, Barb Johnson, Jim Montpetit, Brooke Montpetit, Ann Stehn, Kim Wendlandt, Susan Knutson, Tim & Melissa Hansen, Chase Austvold, Chris Vraa, Staci Thorson and Mark Thompson. Also, thanks to all the parents this year who helped with Wednesday night kitchen duties, the fall festival, the craft & bake sale, ushering and sharing your wonderful kids with us. We would also like to thank the congregation for their prayers and encouragement throughout the year. All the glory goes back to God!

We would also like to thank Pat Oss, Ole & Shirley Olson, Claudia Balay, Alice Johnson, Lori Campbell, Darrel Rupp and Jon Ninneman for being a part of our mentor program this year. They met with our 8th grade confirmation students after each Lenten service this year and talked about the Jesus Creed. The mentor program was a success, and we have heard great things about it. Thanks for helping out.

### Upcoming Dates:

June 18 - We will be teaming up with area churches and Youth for Christ and going to **Valleyfair**. Watch for more information.

July 11-14 - **Sonshine Music Festival**: Please contact the Van Meters (796-5024) if you are interested in attending.

### Graduation Open House:

Alexis Sarah Dahl on Saturday, June 2, 1:00-4:00 PM at her home, 12017 62st NE, Spicer



### Be a VBS Volunteer!

**Vacation Bible School** is July 30—August 2! **5th-12th graders** are needed to help with VBS! Let Lori Pederson know if you'd like to be a shepherd or a station helper. This is a fun way to be involved in your church!

**Parents (or grandparents or other adults)**: If you would like to join the fun, call Lori at 354-2774 or email to [peacelp@tds.net](mailto:peacelp@tds.net). Your help would be appreciated!!

## Anniversaries (Continued from page 15)

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

31 - Brian & Karen Nelson

## JUNIOR HIGH

Thanks to all the wonderful 7th graders for coming and helping at the Easter Breakfast. Also, thanks to Jimmy Montpetit, Scott Olson, Paul Vasilko and Chad Renstrom for cooking eggs. You were a GREAT help and it was a great success. Thanks again!



Sunday, May 6 - 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 and 11:30 am. Please remember this is a required service project for confirmation. Dress appropriately—you may get dirty, wet, and cold. Also, please bring gloves to pick up the garbage.

Wednesday, May 9—Last day of Confirmation. We have extended the date for the required 14 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.

### Kitchen Volunteers for May

Below is a list of the wonderful kitchen volunteers for May. If you are unable to work your shift, please find your own replacement and let Kendra know of changes. There is a list of shifts posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen. Thank you for your time and dedication to the Youth Program!

	<u>4:45-6:15</u>	<u>5:00-6:45</u>
5/2	Amanda Oeltjenbruns	Ashley Michels
5/9	LuAnn Parker	Ashley Michels

## SENIOR HIGH

Thanks to the Senior High DIG kids for leading the worship services on April 15th and for going to Glen-Oaks and doing a service there as well. You did an amazing job with amazing music. Also, thanks to Paul Vasilko and Brian & Sherry Pearson for playing in the worship band with the kids.



Wednesday, May 9 - last DIG.

Sunday, May 20—10th Grade Driver's License Milestone at the 10:45 am worship service. You will get a letter about this in the mail, but mark your calendars and plan to attend the 10:45 service on the 20th.

Sunday, May 20—Senior Recognition Day. Graduating seniors are asked to attend the Adult Forum (9:45 am) on the 20th (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 10:45 worship service.

**Reminder to the Graduating Class of 2012—**Baccalaureate will be May 30th at the High School. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Van Meter's at 796-5024 or Brooke at 212-1440.

**Trip to Duluth**—We are planning a Senior High trip to Duluth on August 10-12. Letters will be sent out to each senior high student. There is limited space available, and the trip will be on a first come/first served basis. Watch for the letter in the mail for details.

The youth will be having a **"Flower Fund Raiser"** to raise money for the Food for Kidz project. For the past few years, the Confirmation students have participated in this project to package food to be sent around the world. We will be selling hanging baskets and potted geraniums on Sunday, May 6 and May 13 from 9:15 AM until noon. All proceeds go to Food for Kidz. Checks should be made to "MOP—Food for Kidz." These will be great Mother's Day gifts!



## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

1 – Tom Duden, Matthew Glienke, Wally Gustafson, 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, Quinn Whetston

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

5 - John Dahl, Dennis Dyr Dahl, 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, Linda Wendland

9 – Reese Baeth, 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, Owen Heying, 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, Tiara Kallevig, Rae Otteson, Tim Pickle, Ryan Thompson

18 - 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 - Matt Cordes, Grace DeSchepper, Cayden Hagen, John Holthusen, Michael Kessler, Danielle Steffen

22 – Corey Christensen, Gerald Johnson, Christie Koll, Penny Kulset, Marlyn Orson

23 – Tanner Cuka, Tim Deadrick, Jane Friedrich, Karemaa 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, 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 Reier son

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

11 - Wayne & Jane Friedrich, Phil & Kari Westby

12 – Jeff & Kina Melby, Steve & Mimi Payne

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Change Service Requested



Beginning Sunday, May 27 through Sunday, September 2

**8:30 AM** Summer Worship at Peace

**9:45 AM** Sibley Park Worship

(remember that you need a park sticker!)

**(NO late service at Peace during the summer)**