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What is Peace?

By Pastor Keith

What is Peace? It's an interesting question. And I'm not talking about peace with the small "p" either. No, nothing quite so existential. I'm talking about this place many of us call our church home. The answer many jump to focuses on the building itself. And, true enough, the building is an important part of what Peace is, but it's not the biggest part nor is it the main part of what this congregation is. Someone once explained it to me this way: they said the church is what's left after the building burns down. Hopefully we won't have to live through that extreme to find out what Peace really is.

So, if it's not the building, then what? Another way to get at the question is to say Peace is not where we are, but what we do. And if it's about what we do rather than where we do it that is most essential, then how do we define Peace in those terms? I suppose some would say the definition lies in our mission. Assuming we don't just do things randomly and without any thought, then we must have some intentional way of doing what we do, and even choosing what not to do. We have a purposeful existence – a mission. Specifically, this congregation has stated its mission as follows:



“To touch the lives of all people with the Good News of God’s unconditional love in Jesus Christ, so that the Holy Spirit might free and equip us for joyful service in His church and in the world.”

Sounds like a really big task. I mean “all” covers a lot of people.

The natural question that follows is this: who carries out that mission? Are we talking about the church staff – the professional people whom we have hired to lead the various ministries this congregation has crafted, sifted and refined? Is it the members of this congregation? Is it only the adults, or does it include kids, too? And what about non-members? Do we include and invite others into this mission? Who are “we” and who do we count as part of “our people”?

I think here too, we may be asking the wrong question. What if it's not about our place, our mission, or our people? Maybe the question is upside down (or at least the way we usually look at it).

How about this: Let's start at the beginning and work our way up from there. Let's start at the waters of baptism. We are, by water and blood, People of God. We are baptized members of the Body of Christ. And as such, we

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Volunteers for October

Greeters

Oct. 6

8:30 Fran & Al Sing

10:45 Judy Mayhew

Oct. 13

8:30 Wayne & Carolyn Agre

10:45 Burt & Toots Lundberg

Oct. 20

8:30 Wayne & Carolyn Agre

10:45 Leonard & Linda Nelson

Oct. 27

8:30 Brent & Cammie Holmquist

10:45 Skip & Cheryl Wright

Ushers

8:30 Wayne & Carolyn Agre

Doc & Kathy Dyrdaahl

Loren & Jackie Grothe

10:45

Oct. 6 - DeSchepper & Spors families

Oct. 13 - Bergeson & Ziesmer families

Oct. 20 - Scott & Linda Nelson and Ziesmer family

Oct. 27 - Bruce & Nancy Nelson family and Shawn & Amy Hanson family

October Altar Guild

Judy Worth, Chm.

Carolyn Agre

Marie Bakke

Sherry Bratsch

Cheryl Danielson

Cindy Lundberg

Mary Peterson

Debbie Schwaegerl

Sandra Vollan



Need A Ride?

Peace Van Driver:

Paul Smith

220-3456

Financial Report ~ Aug. 2013

General Fund Income and Expense

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Fund Balance 7/31/2013 | (\$ 23,405) |
| Income | \$28,017 |
| Expense | \$44,109 |
| Fund Balance 8/31/2013 | (\$39,497) |

Building Peace by Piece Mortgage Fund

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Current Indebtedness | \$1,053,110 |
| 0% interest loans outstanding | \$53,500 |
| Income August 2013 | \$4,922 |
| 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 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 Forum

Join us at 9:30 am for coffee, treats, conversation and a speaker:

October 6— The Jamaica Team is serving a Pancake breakfast; Desmond Whitely, Superintendent of Sunbeam Home will be here.

Oct. 13—

Oct. 20—Pastor Keith will speak on the Holy Land.

Oct. 27—Cliff & Jo Ann Gesellchen will speak about their trip to Machu Picchu.



Did You Know?

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

If you are interested in joining Peace, we will be having a NEW MEMBER class on Wednesday, October 9 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Join us for this casual introduction to Peace. You are invited to grab a Wednesday meal at 5:30 (free for those attending this class) and meet in the Multi-Purpose room (off the Fellowship Hall) to eat together. Please call the church office at 354-2774 if you are planning to attend. We will receive New Members on Sunday, Oct 13 during both the 8:30 and 10:45 am worship services.



Flu Shots for Veterans

On Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM, the VA is offering flu shots to Veterans at the Willmar American Legion. These shots are FREE. For more information, call the VA office at (320) 231-6226.

If you have pumpkins or gourds to share for decorating the sanctuary and gathering space, please call:

Deb Wessling at 212-0329 or
Jo Ann Gesellchen at 354-2457.



There will be an **OPEN HOUSE**

95th BIRTHDAY PARTY

for Burt Lundberg
on Sunday, October 6
from 2:00 - 4:00 PM



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

There are many bazaars, church dinners and other activities coming this month.

Check out the bulletin board in the hallway for these and other notices of interest.



Thank You

Peace Congregation: We would like to thank the entire congregation and all of our wonderful volunteers for all of your prayers, support, and encouragement over the past three years. Although it's bittersweet to leave our positions, we are excited for what God has in store for the youth at Peace. We are grateful for Jon and his excitement to invest in the kids at Peace and our community as a whole. Thank you for trusting in each of us; this time has been a blessing to us!

PTL (Praise the Lord!)

Brooke, Steve & Kendra



Thanks to our Peace church family for your many expressions of sympathy at the death of Al's mom, Mary Sing. Your cards, memorials, kind words, hugs and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Al & Fran Sing

To My Peace Family,

Many thanks for all the visits, phone calls, cards, flowers and food I received from you following my surgery. Most of all, I am so grateful for your prayers! I am still recovering and hope to eventually have full use of my arm.

May God bless you as He has blessed me.

Dorcas Gravley

To Peace Lutheran Church Staff & Parishioners -

Please accept the enclosed \$100 check as a gift to the Children's Ministry. This is Creating Art Together's way of saying, "Thank You" for sharing your space for our Wednesday class and other workshops.

Bonnie Smith

for Creating Art Together group

In Our Prayers

Baptisms:

Hutch Andrew Hetland and Blythe Lynlee Hetland,
children of Rich & Katy Hetland

Bryn Ann Braegelman, daughter of Adam &
Brea Braegelman



Gemma Grace Kramer, daughter of Lindsay Worth &
Brad Kramer

Weddings:

Josh & Michele (Hanson) Petersen



People who were in Peace Prayers in Sept.:

Muriel Bengtson, Dennis Gerke, Dorcas Gravley,
Shirley Hanson, Coralie Jacobson, Jim Leipold, Imogene
Lothert, Carol Monson, Bev Nelson, Herman Noethe,
Dennis Rupp, Siena Scott, Robin Sult, Adeline Thomp-
son, Bruce (Spoonie) Vogt, Fred Zwart

Our sympathy is with:

The family of Millie Balvin

The family of Gerda Onstad

The family of Paul Roediger



Memorials and Special Gifts:

In Memory of:

Millie Balvin - monetary gifts were given to Sunday School, Music Ministry and undesignated.

Don Lungstrom - a monetary gift was given to Lebanon restoration.

Gerda Onstad - a monetary gift was given to Tuesday's Table.

Paul Roediger - monetary gifts were given to Good Samaritan Fund and Building Fund.

Mary Sing (Al Sing's mother) - monetary gifts were given to Camp Scholarship.

In Honor of:

Bud Gravley's 90th Birthday - a monetary gift was given to Memorial Trust.

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

Anniversaries (continued from page 15)

24 - Jon & Sherri Austvold, Bob & Sandy Beck, De-
Wayne & 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

30 - Eric & Kirsten Borchartd



Are You Away in the Winter?

If you spend the winter - or part of the
winter - in another location, and if you
receive the *Voice of Peace* by mail,
please let us know your departure and
return dates. We can send the newsletter to your
winter location. If we don't get an address change for
you, the post office tosses the newsletter and charges
us \$.55 to tell us you are "temporarily away." Please
help us stay in touch.



October 4 9:00 AM Christian Service Day

Following work day, the chairs of the serving groups will meet for an important discussion.

October 10 11:00 AM—1:30 PM General meeting with approval of a 2014 budget. We will not have the Thankoffering being gathered. Instead, we will collect it in February. We will have a “guest” Martin Luther.

October 17 - Circles meet. Please note that Nazareth Circle will meet at Bev Nelson’s home.

THANKS to the working groups and friends who have added their special gifts and talents to minister to those who have experienced family loss.

There are “angels among us” who have served by sewing. Ellen Benson has sewn quilt tops for years, as have Bernice Leite, Violet Manson and others. Ellen isn’t able to sew now, but we do have a tally on 2007 quilt top productions. It topped 450!!! Thank you, and many warm people thank you!

Hey all you WOMEN!!!

We are starting up a study again! We will start this year’s Bible study off with “Mission Pieces: Real Hope When Life Doesn’t Make Sense” by Jennifer Rothchild. The first date that we will meet is Wednesday, October 9. Gathering time is from 6:30—7:00 pm. The class will begin at 7:00 and go until 8:00 pm. The cost of the workbook is \$13. We plan to meet every other Wednesday evening. I will give you a calendar of dates on the 9th. Please contact me (Lori) if you are interested in joining the group. Call me at 354-2774 (church) or email me at peacelp@tds.net. We do have child care available in the nursery (preschool) and library (elementary-middle school). Join us!!



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. Circle groups use the



Bible study found in the magazine, *Gather*.

Bible study author Kay Ward, a bishop in

The Moravian Church, has invited nine

women from the Old Testament, several

from the New Testament, and a handful of other women to stop in for a visit. They will be companions with us

each month, long enough for us to get to know them and

to also get to know ourselves a bit better. Their stories

will draw us into Bible study, into worship with the

Psalms, and give us opportunities to tell our own stories.

Even if you are not in a Circle, you will enjoy the articles

in this magazine. If you are not already getting *Gather*,

plan to order it (allow 6-8 weeks for delivery). A year’s

subscription (10 issues) is \$15 and can be ordered from:

Gather Subscription Order Center

Box 1553

Minneapolis, MN 55440-8730

or you can order online from:

subscriptions@augsburgfortress.org.

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

9:00 A.M. Bethlehem Circle at McKale’s

9:30 A.M. - Bethany Circle meets at GlenOaks

1:30 P.M. - Nazareth Circle (Bev Nelson’s)

7:00 P.M. Altar Guild/Cana Circle (Fireside Room)

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 Missionary

Peace has a tradition of supporting missionaries working through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We have supported missionaries in Papua New Guinea, the Central African Republic and Japan in recent years. Those missionaries completed their assignments and returned to the United States to parish ministry. This year, we were assigned a new missionary, Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Johnson. Here is an excerpt from an email we received:

I am delighted that you have chosen to participate in global mission by supporting my work in Cameroon. I have been called by ELCA Global Mission to serve as a professor at the Lutheran Institute of Theology in Meiganga, an institution of higher learning that trains pastors and leaders for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon as well as Lutheran churches in other countries in West and Central Africa. Since I am in the French-speaking part of Cameroon, the first task of this new call has been to learn to speak French. I have been studying French since September 2012 in the city of Ngaoundéré (155 km northwest of Meiganga), where the national offices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon (EELC) are located. I have now completed my formal studies, though I will certainly continue learning the language.

At the beginning of August, I moved to Meiganga. I am getting settled into my house here and preparing to begin teaching. The Lutheran Institute of Theology has about 40-45 students per year, with only four permanent faculty and several visiting professors. I will be teaching the New Testament courses.

In addition to learning French this past year, I have been learning much about Cameroonian culture and the ministry of the Lutheran Church here. I have discovered that Cameroon encompasses much diversity – in landscape, people, and culture. All of the major ecosystems of Africa are present in Cameroon – tropical rainforest, coastal plains, mountains, savanna, and desert. There are an estimated 270 different tribal groups and indigenous languages spoken in Cameroon, while French and English have served since colonial times as the official languages of government, business, and education.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon reflects some of the ethnic diversity of the country, with about 60 different tribes represented in the church. Many congregations have two services in two different languages – one in a local indigenous language, and the other in French. I have found the people of the church to be very warm and welcoming, and filled with faith and gratitude even in the midst of often difficult circumstances. Lutheran worship here is lively, with much joyful singing and dancing!

My first year in Cameroon has not been without its difficulties. In early March, I learned that my father had been diagnosed with a malignant, inoperable brain tumor (glioblastoma multiforme). The prognosis was that my dad likely had only a few months to live. I am very grateful to have been granted a leave of absence by ELCA Global Mission so that I could be with my dad and the rest of our family in his final weeks. As it turned out, he had even less time than we thought. I arrived home March 23, and he died April 28. Those weeks were difficult, to be sure, but they would have been unbearable had I not been able to be there. Throughout this experience, I have been and continue to be profoundly grateful for the prayers and support of many friends, both in the U.S. and in Cameroon. Thank you so much for your continued prayers and generous support!

Grace and peace,

Elisabeth Johnson

P.S. You can read more about my experiences in Cameroon on my blog: camerooniangrace.wordpress.com

Our support for her comes from our congregational budget and also our monthly mission focus. Your donations help to support her in spreading the Gospel in Africa. Donations may be made to “MOP—ELCA missionary.”

More Mission Opportunities

Operation Christmas Child



It's time to start packing a shoe box gift! Shoe boxes will soon be available at Peace. 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 17. Boxes are delivered to a warehouse in Minneapolis for shipping.

Operation Christmas Child has distributed more than 100 million shoe boxes 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.

We invite you to participate in this giving opportunity!

Food for Kidz

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, November 20** when Peace will again participate with the Norway Lake Parish in a **FOOD FOR KIDZ** food packaging event. Details are being finalized and sign-up sheets will soon be available. This is an activity that is great for all ages. There are some jobs that can be done while sitting, there are some jobs that young children can do with supervision. We also need kitchen helpers (we will offer a light meal), and volunteers to bake bars. There are lots of ways you can participate! Watch for more information!



Tuesday's Table - You are invited to attend and/or to volunteer at Tuesday's Table. This meal is open to everyone: people who need help stretching their food budgets, people who would otherwise be eating alone, families who would like a night out together and people who would like to meet new friends. This is also a great opportunity for Peace members to work together, to get to know each other and to serve others. Volunteers help seat guests, serve the meal, visit with guests, and help with cleanup.



Donations of cash or food items are always appreciated and are a great way to participate in this ministry even if you can't volunteer that night.

Tuesday's Table meals will be served at:

October 1 - Our Lady of the Lakes in Spicer

October 8 - Covenant Church in New London

October 15 - Faith Lutheran in Spicer

October 22 - Peace Lutheran

October 29 - Hope Presbyterian in Spicer



The **Jamaica Mission Team** will be serving a **pancake breakfast** on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 7:30 AM—12:00 PM as a fundraiser for the January mission trip.


Come for pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, milk and coffee. There will be a free will offering received.


That day, Desmond Whitely, Superintendent of Sunbeam Boys Home, will be at Adult Forum to update us on activities at Sunbeam.

January Sunbeam Mission Trip

If you want to make a difference in a child's life and have your life enriched in ways you never imagined, then you are ready for a trip to the Sunbeam Boys Home.

The 2014 Mission Team will be spending the week of January 18-25 at Sunbeam. Both youth and adults are welcomed. If you are interested in joining the team this year, please call Charlie or Cindy Lundberg 354-4689 or Sherry Bigalke 354-4572.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
|---|---|--|
|  | | <p>1</p> <p>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 (Jack's) 3:15-5:00 PM Campus Life MS</p> |
| <p>6</p> <p>8:30 AM Traditional Worship; Holy Communion 7:30 AM—12:30 PM Jamaica Mission Team Pancake Breakfast fund raiser 9:30 AM Adult Forum; Sunday School; 1st Grade Milestone class (parents & student in Multi-Purpose room) 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship; Holy Communion 2:00-4:00 PM Open House 95th Birthday Party for Burt Lundberg (FH) 5:00 or 6:00 PM 9th Grade Retreat returns</p> | <p>7</p> <p>10:45 AM Worship & Music Committee meets (Fireside Room) 6:30-8:00 PM 10th Grade Girl Scouts (CR) 7:00 PM Cub Scouts</p> | <p>8</p> <p>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 (Jack's) 3:15-5:00 PM Campus Life MS 5:30-9:00 PM Restorative Justice 6:00 PM Finance Committee 7:00 PM Executive Committee</p> |
| <p>13</p> <p>8:30 AM Traditional Worship; Holy Communion; 3rd Graders receive Bibles 9:30 AM Adult Forum; Sunday School; 9th Grade Confirmation class; 3rd Grade Milestone class (parents & student in Multi-Purpose room) 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship; Holy Communion; New Members Received; 3rd Graders receive Bibles; Kids Club sings (meet in Chapel at 10:30) 12:00-1:30 PM 7th & 8th Grade Highway Cleanup (and hotdog lunch)</p> | <p>14</p> <p>3:15-5:30 PM 5th Grade Girl Scouts (FH) 6:30-8:00 PM 10th Grade Girl Scouts (CR)</p> | <p>15</p> <p>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 (Jack's) 3:15-5:00 PM Campus Life MS 5:30-9:00 PM Restorative Justice 6:30 PM Church Council</p> |
| <p>20</p> <p>8:30 AM Traditional Worship; Holy Communion 9:30 AM Adult Forum; Sunday School; 9th Grade Faith Statement interviews 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship; Holy Communion 12:00-1:00 PM 9th Grade Confirmation interviews 4:00-6:00 PM Jamaica Team meeting (CR)</p> | <p>21</p> <p>6:00 PM Healing Hearts (CR) 6:30-8:00 PM 10th Grade Girl Scouts (CR)</p> | <p>22</p> <p>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 (Jack's) 3:15-5:00 PM Campus Life MS 5:30-9:00 PM Restorative Justice 6:00 PM Tuesday's Table</p> |
| <p>27 - REFORMATION SUNDAY</p> <p>8:30 AM Traditional Worship; Holy Communion 9:30 AM Adult Forum; Sunday School; 4th Grade Milestone class (parent & student in Multi-Purpose room) 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship; Holy Communion; Rite of Confirmation; Pre-K sings (children stay with leaders following Sunday School) 12:00-2:00 PM Fireside Room in use</p> | <p>28</p> <p>6:30-8:00 PM 10th Grade Girl Scouts (CR)</p> | <p>29</p> <p>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 (Jack's) 3:15-5:00 PM Campus Life MS</p> |

| Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>2—see Wednesday schedule</p> <p>9:00 AM “Creating Art Together”</p> <p>12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar (YMCA)</p> <p>6:00 PM Christmas Program planning mtg. (CR)</p> | <p>3</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>7:00 PM Mission Committee meeting</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5</p> <p>6:45 AM Meet for 9th Grade Retreat</p> <p>3:00-6:00 PM</p> <p>Classroom in use</p> |
| <p>9—see Wednesday schedule</p> <p>9:00 AM “Creating Art Together”</p> <p>12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar (YMCA)</p> <p>3:10-5:45 PM Kids Club Swimming at Y</p> <p>6:00-8:00 PM New Member class (Multi-Purpose room) - Come for meal at 5:30 if you can.</p> <p>6:30-8:00 PM Women’s Bible Study (CR)</p> | <p>10</p> <p>6:30 AM Bible Study at McKale’s</p> <p>9:00 AM Legion Auxiliary Quilting</p> <p>1:30 PM PLW Meeting</p> | <p>11</p> <p>2:00 PM West-Ender’s Christ-Care</p> <p>After-Game Special (7th & 8th graders)</p> | <p>12</p> <p>3:00-6:00 PM</p> <p>Classroom in use</p> |
| <p>16—see Wednesday schedule</p> <p>9:00 AM “Creating Art Together”</p> <p>12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar (YMCA)</p> <p>NO KIDS CLUB TODAY</p> <p>NO MEAL</p> <p>NO CONFIRMATION</p> <p>6:20 PM Adult Choir</p> <p>7:21-8:45 PM Campus Life/DIG</p> <p>8:00 PM Contemporary Music rehearsal</p> | <p>17</p> <p>6:30 AM Bible Study at McKale’s</p> <p>9:00 AM Bethlehem Circle at McKale’s</p> <p>9:30 AM Bethany Circle at GlenOaks</p> <p>1:30 PM Nazareth Circle at Peace</p> <p>7:00 PM Altar Guild/Cana Circle</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> |
| | | <p>Church Directory Photos</p> <p>Thurs. 2:00-9:00 PM Fri. 2-9 PM Sat. 10 AM - 4:00 PM</p> | |
| <p>23—see Wednesday schedule</p> <p>9:00 AM “Creating Art Together”</p> <p>12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar (YMCA)</p> <p>6:00-8:00 PM Intro to Baptism (Multi-Purpose Room); meal at 5:30.</p> <p>6:30-8:00 PM Women’s Bible Study (CR)</p> | <p>24</p> <p>6:30 AM Bible Study at McKale’s</p> <p>6:00-7:30 PM 9th Graders Confirmation run-through (and pictures)</p> | <p>25</p> <p>2:00 PM West-Ender’s Christ-Care</p> <p>6:00-9:00 PM 5th & 6th Grade Pizza & Movie</p> | <p>26</p> <p>3:00-6:00 PM</p> <p>Classroom in use</p> |
| <p>30—see Wednesday schedule</p> <p>9:00 AM “Creating Art Together”</p> <p>12:00 PM Bible Study in Willmar (YMCA)</p> <p>6:00 PM Christmas Program Planning mtg. (CR)</p> | <p>31—Halloween</p> <p>4:30-6:00 PM Fall Festival</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> | <p>Wednesdays (unless noted):</p> <p>3:10-5:00 PM Kids Club</p> <p>5:00-6:00 PM Meal</p> <p>6:00 PM Confirmation</p> <p>6:20 PM Adult Choir</p> <p>7:21-8:45 PM Campus Life/DIG</p> <p>8:00 PM Contemporary Worship rehearsal</p> | |

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30—10:30 AM

PRE-K

Meet in classrooms at 9:30 AM

1st - 4th Graders

Meet in Chapel at 9:30 am

5th - 6th Graders

Meet in Club 56 room at 9:30 am



Pre-Kindergartners

10/6 - A New Beginning, pg. 38 in The Jesus Storybook Bible (JSB)

10/13 - Son of Laughter, pg. 56 in JSB.

10/20 - ALL CHILDREN IN THEATER

10/27 - The Girl No One Wanted, pg. 70 in JSB

Receive information on God's Global Barnyard for November. Pre-K will sing at the 10:45 am worship service (children stay with their leaders).

1st - 4th Graders

Children meet in the CHAPEL with shepherds (unless otherwise noted) and are picked up in the gym. Check the posted sign for individual classroom schedule.

10/6 - Into the Promised Land

10/13 - Into the Promised Land - KIDS CLUB sings at 10:45 am service. Children meet in CHAPEL at 10:30 am.

10/20 - ALL CHILDREN IN THEATER

10/27 - Into the Promised Land; Receive information on God's Global Barnyard for November.

5th—6th Graders

10/6 - "What If Someone's Weird?"

10/13 - "What If Someone Needs Something From Me?"

10/20 - ALL CHILDREN IN THEATER.

10/25 - (Friday) Pizza and a movie at Peace, 6:00-9:00 pm.

10/27 - REFORMATION SUNDAY; Receive information on God's Global Barnyard for November.

REGISTRATION FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WEDNESDAY KIDS CLUB ACTIVITIES

We are still able to register your child for ALL the activities that they would like to participate in. Registration forms and other materials are located in the church library. You may fill out a form and leave it in the church library, or return it to the church office.

SINGING SCHEDULE

10/13 - **KIDS CLUB** sings at 10:45 service; children should meet in Chapel at 10:30 am.



10/27 - **PRE-K** sings at 10:45 service; children should STAY with their leaders following Sunday School.

MILESTONES

Classes are held in the **Multi-Purpose Room at 9:30 am** unless otherwise noted.



10/6 - 1st Grade - Ten

Commandments (9:30 am)

10/13 - 3rd Grade - Bible Milestone - class at 9:30 am; receive Bibles at 8:30 or 10:45 am service.

10/27 - 4th Grade - The Apostles' Creed (9:30 am)

THANK YOU to ALL who helped with our KICKOFF to SUNDAY SCHOOL on September 8th by setting up, tearing down, working games, registration and providing cakes! The children had a blast with the different activities and the CAKEWALK was NUMBER 1 for most!



Kids' Club

Children should ride Bus #4 to Peace

10/2 - Swimming permission forms, suits & towels and \$9.00 fee are due!!!

10/9 - 3:10—5:45 - **YMCA SWIMMING**. Please have \$9 fee (\$4 if your child is a Y member), suit, towel and permission should be turned in by October 2. If your child is a YMCA member, please let me know in advance because we need to let the staff there know!
THANKS!

10/13 - SUNDAY - Kids Club sings at 10:45 am worship service. Children meet in CHAPEL at 10:30 am.

10/16 - **NO KIDS CLUB**.

10/23 - 3:10—5:00 pm.

10/30 - 3:10—5:00 pm.



Are You Expecting?

If you, or someone you know, is expecting the birth of a child in the near future, or have recently given birth, we would love to know. We are preparing for an upcoming season of baptisms and will be offering a brief "Introduction to Baptism" session. It will be a great way to get ready for your child's special day while connecting with other families in a similar stage of life.



And, baptism isn't just for infants! If you or someone you know hasn't worn diapers for a long time and yet has not been baptized, we would love to talk with you as well. Baptism of an older child or an older adult can be a powerful and profound moment in a person's faith life.

"Intro to Baptism" will be held Wednesday, Oct. 23, 6:00-8:00 pm. You are invited to a free meal at 5:30 pm, and childcare will be provided. For more information, see the website or contact Lori Pederson (peacelp@tds.net) or Pastor Keith (pastorkeith@peacenewlondon.com). We'll be expecting you!

Aracely Castillo -

Peace Sunday School Compassion International Sponsor Child



Just to let you know . . . Aracely's birthday is coming up in November! She was born November 7, 2001 and will be 12 years old! If you would like to contribute to a birthday gift for Aracely, please let me know. Unfortunately, we are unable to send packages, so only papers (colored pictures, photos, coloring pages for her, cards and letters) are all we are allowed to send. We may also 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!

IT IS TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS!!!

Let me know if you would like to help with this year's Christmas Program. We are beginning on Sunday, November 3 and Wednesday, November 6! We will start placing parts on these two days and handing out lines as well.



Our FIRST meeting will be Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. If you have other obligations that evening, but would like to help out with the program, please contact me and I can get the information to you at a time that works for you!

Call Lori at 320-354-2774 or email at peacelp@tds.net.

FALL FESTIVAL

The **Annual Community Fall Festival** will be held on Thursday, October 31 from 4:30 to 6:00 PM for children age 10 and under. The cost is \$2.00 per child (or a max of \$5 per family). There will be games and treats all in one place! Costumes are welcome but not required. No registration needed. This event is open to all children in the New London-Spicer area. Parents - please plan to stay with your child.

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



Confirmation Kickoff:

We had a great Kickoff for Confirmation on September 18th. It was fantastic to get to meet so many of the students and parents who will be involved in Confirmation here at Peace. Both students and parents did a great job signing up for service activities, including ushering, kitchen help for Wednesdays, after-game specials, the Fall Festival, and the Christmas Craft & Bake Sale. Thank you to all who signed up, it is due to volunteers like yourselves that we are able to continue to provide such a meaningful ministry to the young people here at Peace!

Sunday Morning Opportunities:

7th & 8th Grade:

Join us for 7th and 8th grade **Sunday School**, 9:30-10:30 am in the church's Conference Room [across from the kitchen], we have been having a great time going through some of the Re:Form curriculum, and asking questions like "Who wrote the Bible, God or Humans?" and "Is the Bible true?" Stop by and check us out, and as always if you are a parent and just want to see what it is like, feel free to stop in for a week and see what it's all about.

[Note: 7th & 8th Grade Sunday School, and Campus Life Middle School on Tuesdays are not confirmation requirements, just other fun activities to be involved in here at Peace.]

9th Grade Confirmation:

This year Confirmation is looking a little different than in previous years. We have added a specific Confirmation class for 9th Graders called 9th Grade Confirmation, **9:30-10:30 am Sundays** up in the Youth Room. We will be exploring what it means to be a Lutheran, and forming our Statements of Faith in preparation for the 9th Grade Retreat October 5th-6th, and Confirmation Sunday, October 27th. For 9th graders, this takes the place of having to attend our regular Confirmation class Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 pm.

[Note: 9th graders are required to attend Campus Life/DIG (our Sr. High ministry) from 7:21- 8:45 on Wednesdays until they are Confirmed.]

Sr. High Sunday Mornings:

During the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:30 am), our Sr. High students will be meeting in the Fireside Room for a great time of building relationships and going deeper with God. This is a very comfortable and open time where, besides a regular planned discussion, we strongly encourage Sr. High students to bring their own questions about faith or life, and we will have a helpful, non-judgmental discussion. So, if you have some hard questions, enjoy real discussion, or just like hanging out with your fellow Sr. High students, come join on Sundays. **As always, snacks will be provided!**



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

The sale will take place Sunday, December 1st from 8:00 until 11:30 am. Crafts should be delivered to the church by 9:00 am on Saturday, November 30th; please bring baked goods by 8:00 am on Sunday, December 1st.



Campus Life/DIG:

Campus Life MS

Come on out after school on Tuesdays for **Campus Life Middle School** (grades 5-8) from 3:15 until 5:00 P.M. at Peace. This program includes snacks, games and discussions of life and Biblical truths. If you are in 5th to 8th grade, walk over and see what Campus Life is all about! If you have any questions, please call Patrick at the Youth for Christ office 235-0119 or call on his cell 905-6313.

Campus Life/DIG (Senior High)

Campus Life/DIG has already started. We have been going strong for a few weeks now and it has been a blast. We meet up in the Youth Room from 7:21-8:45 pm. Our theme this year is "More to the Story," where each week we dive deeper into one of our stories and explain how our walks with Christ aren't always as clean-cut and worry-free as we portray to others sometime. It's all about digging deeper and becoming more authentic Christians.

As always, we will have games, free food, worship, teen-focused discussions, and small group time.

Please bring a friend!

[9th Graders, please note that in your Confirmation requirements you are required to attend Campus Life/DIG until Confirmation Sunday, with our hope being that you will find it a safe, enjoyable place to hang out and continue to grow deeper in God.]

Important Dates for October:

9th Grade:

Oct. 5th- 6th = 9th Grade Retreat: be at Peace by 6:45 am on the 5th; return around 5:00 pm on the 6th

Oct. 13th = Faith Statements due (we will go over them at 9th Grade Confirmation)

Oct. 20th = Faith Statement Interviews: sign up for an interview between 9:30-10:30 am, or 12:00-1:00 pm with Jon Dietrich, or Pastor Shannon Arnold

Oct. 24th = Confirmation Run-through (with Pictures): 6:00-7:30 pm

Oct. 27th = Confirmation Sunday: be here by 9:30 am

Campus Life/DIG = every Wednesday in October, 7:21-8:45 pm

[stay tuned to our Facebook page (Teens at Peace New London) for more exciting events]

7th & 8th Grade

Confirmation meets on the 2nd, 9th, 23rd, and the 30th (note: there is NO Confirmation on the 16th)

Friday, Oct. 11th = After-Game Special: Middle Schoolers walk over to Peace after the NL-S home football game for a fun time of games and hanging out.

Sunday, Oct. 13th = 7th & 8th Grade Highway Clean-up: 12-1:30 (stay after church for a hotdog lunch)

Wednesday, Oct. 30th = Fall Festival set up 6:00-8:00 pm (during Confirmation)

Thursday, Oct. 31st = Fall Festival (come after school, we should be done by 6:30 or 7:00 pm). Hosted by the 7th and 8th graders as a service project.

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Thank you to everyone who supported the Youth Ministry here at Peace by partaking in the **11th Annual Golf Tournament**. We had 29 golfers and 20 hole sponsors, a great turnout! The winning team finished the course with 6 under par! Great Job! Thanks again, your dedication to the youth ministry is very much appreciated.

Church Council Minutes

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – August 20, 2013

Our Mission: To touch the lives of all people with the Good News of God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ, so that the Holy Spirit might free and equip us for joyful service in His Church and in the world.

Attending: Claudia Balay, Barb Johnson, Dean Bigalke, Joel Johnson, Nancy Nelson, Pat Oss, Daryl Sanderson, Jeff Schmidt, Nick Ventrella, Jim Vossen, Pastor Keith, Pastor Shannon

Refreshments & Devotions: Jim Vossen

Minutes: Minutes had one correction, the zero percent interest loan [due at year end] is \$5,000.00 not \$50,000.00. Motion was made by Jim to approve the minutes with the correction to the zero percent loan dollar amount, 2nd by Dean. Motion carried.

Financials: Pastor Keith went through the financial reports. Budget is on track. Motion by Nick to approve the budget as presented, 2nd by Jeff. Motion carried.

Old Business: Al Balay with the stewardship committee gave the council an update on the stewardship campaign. Things are going good and moving forward.

Lebanon update, Pastor Keith gave an update on the lease. Pastor Shannon had contacted the synod for information and will give us an update at the next council meeting.

Council discussed the Vandalism/theft. Will ask Greg Stehn to give us input on security cameras.

Council discussed insurance and will ask Tom Swanson to come to next council meeting.

Church is waiting for the adjuster to come and look at the church roof damage from the recent hail storm.

New Business: Rally Sunday will be September 8th.

Next Council Meeting: September 17th, 2013 at 6:30pm

Devotions and Refreshments: Barb Johnson

Adjournment: Time 7:45

Lord's Prayer

Prayerfully submitted,

Nancy Nelson Secretary

What Is Peace? (continued from page 1)

know that we are part of something much larger than the group of people who gather here in New London. And yes, we have a mission, but it is not OUR mission, but God's mission to which we have been co-missioned. And this mission of God has a church to carry out that mission. And that church has some parts that are visible and made of brick, stone, timber and glass while other parts are less visible, seen only in actions and behaviors of its members.

So, I would say, in answer to the original question, that Peace is this: a gathering of God's people, baptized members of the body of Christ. We are a broken people, made whole and holy by his grace. It is a people with purpose – a purpose that is not our own, but of God. Our purpose is to proclaim this God who made, calls and gathers us. Our purpose is not only to make new disciples, but to walk with them as they grow in faith and live lives of service to their neighbor, and to the world that God made. This is 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 - Grayson Larsen, Kathy Norstedt, Robin Smith
4 - Lori Brown, Lori Carrigan, Hannah Stehn
5 - Kevin Acquard, Marie Bakke, Rick Palmquist
6 - Dan Caskey, Dan DeGeest, Bridget Kessler, Jan Kleinschmidt
7 - Kody Aasen, Amy Dilley, Sarah Goelz, Burt Lundberg
8 - Kathy Dahlberg, Miller Holland, Brandon Lang, Adison Larsen, 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 - Alison Sarsland
12 - Caleb Arneson, Sherri Bezdicek, Trudie Lieser, Dillon Pulsifer, Allison Sotomy
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, 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, Scott West, 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 Ommodt



25 - Piper Barney, Laurie Hanson, John Jacobson, Gordy Krupke, Vonnie Loterbauer, Clarion Manson, Sheila Michaud, Brad Nelson, Karen Nelson, Deborah West, 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, Taytum Schmitz, Robin Sult, Adeline Thompson
30 - Kristin Blokzyl, Jeff Boonstra, Jane Hjelle, Carleigh Johnson, Julie Johnson
31 - Sherri Austvold, Emery Barber, Logan Jones, Gage Knisley, Alan Long, Mark Thompson

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 - Travis & Tifanie Carlson, Matt & Racquel Skindelien, 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, Russ & Elaine Scott
14 - Jim & Carol Sandin
15 - Shane & Susan Saari
16 - Dean & Sherry Bigalke, Brent & Debra Ringler
17 - James & Ruth Leipold, Matt & Alyssa Thompson
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 - Jeff & Lori Campbell, Garrett & Amanda McCain
23 - Jerry & Nancy Augustson



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LAST CHANCE!!

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Don't forget to sign up for your photo session and your FREE 8x10 photo!!!

The dates are:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2:00—9:00 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2:00—9:00 pm and

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 9:00 am—4:00 pm

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