

Messenger of PEACE

Touching Lives with the Love and Saving Grace of Jesus.

November 2017

Ephesians 4:11-13 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

The apostle Paul helps us to understand that God's purpose for establishing the public ministry "that the body of Christ may be built up." This is the wonderful joy of the Christian life – by the grace and work of the Holy Spirit – we are to continue to mature in our faith.

<u>Connect, Grow and Serve</u> – These are three words that you will be seeing more of at Peace Lutheran Church. The words identify three different ways we continue to mature in our faith. The following is an introduction to the words and hopefully a better understanding.

<u>Connect</u> - On your cell phone, go to Contacts and count through all the people you could call at any given time. Now check your Facebook page (then come back to the article!). How many friends do you have there with whom you could connect at any given time?

We live in a time when connectedness is everywhere we look. People can call, text, tweet, Instagram, Facebook, Link, or Snapchat their way into communication with a tremendous number of people, including celebrities! But how many of those ways create authentic connections and relationships with whom you are communicating? How many of those *connect* you with God? The answer to both is: not many. Connections are a funny thing. Think about with whom you have the strongest connection. How long and how often do you spend time with that person? Very likely you spend a significant amount of time with that person. The same is said about God. The more time you spend with Him, the better your connection will be! The main way we *connect* with God is in Worship (He promises to meet us every week!).

<u>Grow</u> –The better connection you have with God, the more you will grow. Growing is a difficult thing. The people of the Bible had the same struggles with their connections and their growth as we do. Paul wrote to Ephesus to remind them that when their connections fail, they quit growing; and when they quit growing, they start falling away from God. Just like those people of Ephesus, we have things which get in the way of connecting and growing in Christ. Whether it's work, sports, sleep, or lack of relationships at church, they can keep us from growing.

Some good ways to be intentional about our *grow*th: 1) praying throughout the day to thank God for His provision or to ask for help with something; 2) reading from scripture on a daily basis and hearing directly from God what He has to tell us each day; 3) connecting and being encouraged by other Christians to keep us accountable in our growth; and 4) remembering that growth is a process.

It won't happen overnight; even as we are growing, things are still going to be tough sometimes. When we start to grow, we start to learn to recognize our different skills and abilities which we can use those to serve as the church. One of the great ways to **Grow** at Peace Lutheran is through Small Group Bible Studies. For the past several years Peace Lutheran has had a Fall Small Group series to encourage our membership to be a part of **grow**ing in their faith. This Fall our series is "Follow" by Andy Stanley. Please consider joining a small group (10-15 people) that studies God's word, **grow**s in faith and community. (-continued on page 2)

(Connect, Grow and Serve-continued from page 1)

Serve - There is no one correct way to serve as the church. We are inspired to help and serve others in our community, state, and world in many different ways because we are all gifted differently. It can be pulling weeds or building orphanages, teaching Sunday School or leading a trip to Israel, cooking a meal for someone, to serving meals at a homeless shelter, all of which we are called to do depending on our skills.

Peace Lutheran has identified and now is highlighting the various ways we can *serve* at Peace Lutheran and outside its walls in our community and to the ends of the world. This project is called "Ministry in Motion". You will have an opportunity to preview this effort on Sunday, November 19, 2017. We will be using "Ministry in Motion" as our theme for the day and how these various ministries allow us to *serve* in the kingdom of God – more importantly how God is growing His kingdom through the efforts and talents of His children here at Peace Lutheran.

Watch for more on "Ministry in Motion" and how Peace Lutheran will continue "that the body of Christ may be built up" by Connecting with God, Growing with others in God's word and Serving within the church of Peace Lutheran as well as the world at large.

-Pastor Pasche





Official Acts

Baptisms

Oct. 1 Charlie Frank Kaping, son of Mike & Jamie Kaping

Oct. 14 Charlie Rae Ryberg, daughter of Tayler Ryberg & Taylor Dansby

Oct. 14 Reagan Jane Ryberg, daughter of Tayler Ryberg & Taylor Dansby

Oct. 21 Raelyn Lavay Sparby, daughter of Kyle & Jayme Sparby

Oct. 22 Monte Joseph Kohls, son of Matthew & Melissa Kohls

Weddings

Oct. 14 LuAna Issendorf & Duane Remer

Oct. 14 Courtney Rossow & Kyle Witte

Oct. 28 Ashley VonBerge & Bradley Jackson

Funerals

Oct. 20 Irma Katzenmeyer, 98, passed away October 15

Membership Changes

Received by Transfer/Other Lutheran

Blake Kaping from First Lutheran Church, Cosmos, MN Georgia Buss, Jasmine, Bryce*, Jaden*, Jewel* Klancke from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Green Isle, MN Darren & Jung-ah Sombke & Isaac from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Belvidere, IL

Alan & Laurie Rowland from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Prior Lake, MN

Transferred to LCMS or Other Lutheran

Tony & Anna Alsleben, Evan*, Annika* & Ella* to Christ the King Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN LeeAnn Blumhoefer to Zion Lutheran Church, Springfield, MN

Russell & Dawn Schlueter, Savannah* & Ethan* to Faith Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN

Released

Jacob Brusehaver – Joined Rock Hill Community Church, Duluth, MN Audrey Fox – Moved – Requested Release

*Baptized Member



Sunday, November 5th

8:00 George and Sally Moehring

9:15 Don and Phyllis Hecht

10:30 Shirley Otto and Annette Koehler

Sunday, November 12th

8:00 Shirley Miller and Melissa Wanous

9:15 Dale and Judy Schumann

10:30 John and Sandi Lietz

Sunday, November 19th

8:00 Jerry and Mary Haag

9:15 Tony and Kim Borka

10:30 Lynn Brown

Sunday, November 26th

8:00 Allan and Shirley Fuchs

9:15 Brenda Petersen

10:30 Darlyn Egge, Roselyn, Sophie and Maggie Markgraf



Nov. 5 8:00 am Colin Nagel & Camden Kron 10:30 am Megan Hausladen & Lily

Sickmann

Nov.11 6:15 pm Mason Klabunde & Cohan Anderson

Nov. 12 8:00 am Brooke Kobow & Camden Kron

10:30 am Lily Sickmann

Nov. 18 6:15 pm Caiden Pfeiler & Riley

Chaplin

Nov. 19 8:00 am Lucas Huls & Kaylee Dose 10:30 am Devon Bode & Nicolas

Rannow

Thanksgiving

Nov. 22 Wed. 6:45 pm Porter Dennis & Riley Carrigan

Nov. 23 Thur. 9:00 am Nicholas Cox &

Kaylee Dose

Nov. 25 6:15 pm Samantha Yurek

Nov. 26 8:00 am --

10:30 am Madilyn Gehrke & Monica

Padrnos



Saturday, Nov. 4th Joanne Keilen Sunday, Nov. 5th

8:00 George Moehring

9:15 Betty Ruskamp

10:30 Heidi Sickmann

Saturday, Nov. 11th Corinne Higgins

Sunday, Nov. 12th

8:00 Monica Padrnos

9:15 Deb Eggert

10:30 Sara Peterson

Saturday, Nov. 18th Joanne Keilen

Sunday, Nov. 19th

8:00 Mary Haag

9:15 Renae McKimm

10:30 Marlene Hamblin

Saturday, Nov. 25th Annette Koehler

Sunday, Nov. 26th

8:00 Shirley Wurdell

9:15 Eric Gehrke

10:30 Darlyn Egge



November 8:00 = Team 2 10:30 = Team 5

Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Eve – 6:45 p.m. = **Team 3**

Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day – 9:00 a.m. = **Team 6**

Two opportunities to serve!!

1. Looking for people willing to read scripture in weekend services during the year. You can choose which service time.

"And the words of the Lord are flawless." Psalm 12:6a

2. Looking for people to help assemble the Messenger once a month.

If interested, contact Cyndy Fallon at 320-587-5517 or fwroof@hutchtel.net





Peace Lutheran Church will be participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year. This program collects shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivers them to children in need around the world. Every one of these shoebox gifts is an opportunity for the Gospel. In the hands of local churches, it is a powerful

tool for evangelism, discipleship, and multiplication. Many shoebox recipients also enroll in a 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, where they learn to follow Christ and share with others.

You can be a part of this worldwide effort to grow the Kingdom of God even in places where the Gospel has never been heard by donating toys such as a doll, soccer ball and pump, a stuffed animal, fun toys, hygiene items (no gels or liquids), school supplies or donations of \$9.00 to send a box. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive these gifts.

Drop your items off in the green box in the commons area or in the office. Packing day at Peace will be **November 5**th at the 9:15 Family Worship Service in the Peace Center. All are welcome!!



Save the Date for Children's Christmas Programs
Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 Sunday December 24th at 3:00



Prince of Peace Retirement Living

At Prince of Peace Retirement Living, we are blessed to be able to celebrate special occasions and we're inviting you to join us. One of which is our annual Veterans' Day Celebration to be held on Friday, November 10th at 10:00 a.m. We are also planning a "Tour of Home" open house on Saturday, December 2nd from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. We will be strolling past our "20+ themed Christmas trees", serving different holiday fares, and being entertained by several musical groups, including the Victorian Carolers, Adam Krumrie and more. Plan to stop by for both events!

Prince of Peace Retirement Living currently has apartment openings, now is the time to consider moving in before the snow flies.

Destini is in search of weekend meal volunteers. If you are able to commit to one and a half hours on either a Saturday or Sunday, please call her at 234-7588 and she will get you the information.

-Merline Duering, Executive Director

Prince of Peace Retirement Living "Sweet Shoppe" - Open Monday through Friday, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. (Dial 100 to be let in). You are welcome to join us for home baked rolls, muffins, scones and pastries; all at a reasonable price. Sit with your friends and enjoy a bit of morning goodness in our dining room. The coffee and tea are hot and the sweets are baked fresh every morning.





PRAYZ TEAM will sing for the Family Worship Services Wednesdays at 5:15pm on November 29th, December 6th, 13th, and 20th. We practice at 5:00pm (or students can stay after Youth Group at 4:45pm).

Confirmation PRAYZ TEAM 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are encouraged to sing for the start of our worship time every Wednesday. We practice at 6:00pm and sing at 6:15pm. Join us!

OFFERING MUSIC Children and youth are encouraged to provide music for offerings (6:15pm, 8:00am or 10:30am), especially during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Students will play for the prelude at the Children's Christmas Programs on December 17th and 24th. Please contact Dr. Joan to sign up. Call the church office or email musicministryatpeace@gmail.com.

AUDIO – VIDEO We are encouraging interested persons to stop by the AV booth (Sanctuary or Peace Center) and visit with our team leaders: Kevin Schmuhl, Eric Padrnos, Justin Evenson, Ross Peterson and Brian Gartner. This is a great opportunity for families and youth to participate in worship and serve! A signup sheet for confirmation students is on the reception desk in the lobby.

HCVN - Channel 10 has given us two additional time slots for worship. The 8:00am worship is playing in DVD format on Sunday at 7pm and Thursday at 10am. The 9:15 worship is playing in BluRay format on Wednesday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 10:00am (one week after the actual service). If there is someone willing to stay after worship to burn a BluRay (12:00-1:30pm each Sunday) and deliver it to HCVN, we would be able to televise our 10:30 worship service in High Definition. Please see Dr. Joan if you are interested in serving with this important ministry.

Memorials

Jerry Janicke MemorialFlower Cooler\$4924.14Tell the Next Generation230.00Maple Tree314.99General Fund105.00Building Maintenance40.00Landscaping470.87\$6085.00

Emma Rewerts Memorial

Tell the Next Generation

(Principal) \$1210.00

Delmer Sturges Memorial

Little Lambs Christian Center \$115.00
Peace Cemetery 300.00
Tell the Next Generation 610.00
\$1025.00

Bloodmobile Tuesday, November 14 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

To set up an appointment or if you would like to help, please call Shirley at 587-5064.





Common Cup Ministry

<u>Coming Together in Song XI</u>

Sunday, November 19th, 4:00 p.m. at Christ the King Church.



We are heading for the Plymouth Playhouse for another session with the Looney Lutherans for their Christmas presentation: *HOLD THE LUTEFISK*. So, come along and join us on December 3rd for an afternoon of fellowship and fun. We will leave the church parking lot at 12:15 for the afternoon

performance. Cost of the trip is \$55.00 which includes motor coach bus, tickets for the show and this time included is supper on the way home at Unhinged Pizza in Glencoe. Signup deadline is Friday, November 10th. Don't miss those crazy Church Basement Ladies in their new Christmas Presentation.



November Monthly Munchies

Thank you to everyone who baked and/or purchased Monthly Munchies in October. Our next Monthly Munchies will be on Sunday, Nov. 5th. We will be selling Trail Mixes, and Baker's Choice.

If you would like to donate please bring your munchies in a disposable container, or come back and pick up your container after the 10:30 service. We invite the entire congregation to purchase these yummy treats! All proceeds will go to TTNG.

Matthew & Johanna Markgraf and Family; Eric & Cassie Padrnos and Family

Little Lambs Christian Center has been named the Hutchinson Leader Readers' Choice Award Winner! Congratulations for making LLCC a wonderful mission for Peace Lutheran.



Peace Lutheran has SCHOLARSHIPS available

for members attending LCMS Parochial Schools, Lutheran High Schools, Lutheran Colleges, and first 3 years of Missouri Synod Seminary. Application forms are available in the church office. Return completed applications by Dec.1st.





Cornucopia – Common Cup

One of the traditions at Peace is a Cornucopia (Horn of Plenty) at the Thanksgiving Services. This benefits the Common Cup Ministry. Please bring your donations for the Cornucopia display in front of the church November 12th through the 26th. Thank you!

Dorcas - Women in Mission

There was no meeting in October. Members were encouraged to attend the Women's Retreat on October 9th and the LWML Fall Conference Rally at St. James Lutheran Church, Howard Lake, on October 16th.

The next meeting is Thursday, November 9th at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be provided and the movie "Rosa" will be shown. All women are invited to attend.

Save the Date!!! Annual Christmas Cookie Sale Sat. December 9th 9:00am



Thanksgiving Worship Services will be held at Peace on Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:45 pm & Thursday November 23rd at 9:00 am

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!!

Would you like to do more for your church? We need Cookies and Bars for the Crafters and Vendors Holiday Sale on Saturday December 2nd!! Also needed is one person to serve coffee and baked goods for hour (or longer) shifts. There will be a signup sheet available November 4th at the church office and Commons Area desk, or call Carole Hannemann (234-8989) if you can help. All funds will go to Tell The Next Generation.



Crafters and Vendors Holiday Sale



The Crafters and Vendors are having a Holiday Sale on Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Setup will be Friday Dec. 1st 6:30pm to 8:30pm, and Sat. Dec. 2nd 7:30am to 9:00am. Teardown will start at 3:00pm. Rental \$20 per space with 1 table (12 rectangular and 8 circular tables are available), and \$5 suggested donation per space. All food and space donations go to Tell The Next Generation.

Registration forms are available Nov. 4th at the church office and Commons Area desk. Call Carole Hannemann (234-8989) for more information.



Sunday Morning Bible Fellowship Come Join Us!!! 8:15 am & 9:15 am

Sunday Morning Bible Fellowship has begun. There will be two opportunities to participate each Sunday Morning.

The 8:15 am class will be held in the office conference room and the 9:15 am class will meet in Room 209 on the upper floor of the education building. This schedule allows you to select a worship service of your choice and still participate in one of the Sunday Morning Bible Fellowship opportunities.

The class sessions will be centered around video presentations from Lutheran Hour Ministries and the newly released movie on the life and times of Luther. What a wonderful time to reflect back 500 years to the time of Martin Luther for a greater understanding of the times, the culture, the people, and the reformation movement. The classes will be led by Pastor Pasche, Pastor Bode, and Paul Berg. Along with fellowship and time in God's Word, there will be coffee and bakery items each week. Come join in!!!!



Chitina, Alaska: Kids Need Mitts and Hats

It's cold in Chitina and your generosity can help. Winter hats and mittens are needed for those in Chitina. We need children sizes through adult sizes. Look for a labeled basket in the reception area at church. We will be collecting through Sunday, November 19th. Thanks for your help!

-Peace Lutheran Youth Congregational Info: November 2017

Erika Durheim, Director of Youth Ministry:

Office: 320-587-3031 ext. 19 & Cell or Text: 320-766-9321

Email: peacevouthministry@hutchtel.net

2017-18 Office Hours: Tuesday mornings from 9:30-Noon. At Peace Place: Wednesday from 2-9pm, Thursday from 2-6pm.

Please don't hesitate to call/text/email me!

Stay Up To Date with Peace Lutheran Youth Info... Need A Form? See Pictures. Get the Youth Calendar.

Just Scan the Code Here To get to our Google Drive... http://goo.gl/merDKs

Cinnamon Roll AND Caramel Roll Sales – Sunday, November 12th!

The youth will be selling yummy cinnamon rolls and now offering caramel rolls as well at church on Sunday morning, November 12th. Eat one at church or take some home to enjoy later. \$1 per roll or 12 for \$10. This is a fundraiser for Youth Ministry at Peace.



2018 Mission Trips: YOUTH AND ADULTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO GO!



Interested in participating in a mission trip/servant trip next summer? We attempt to follow Acts 1:8 to go out into the world to live out Peace's mission statement, "Touching Lives with the Love and Saving Grace of Jesus." Therefore, we are offering a variety of mission trips that allow students (and adults) to grow in how we live by that Bible verse and mission statement. We are offering a variety of trips based on the grades/experience of our youth, the older the youth and more experiences they have, the farther out we want to send them. Please prayerfully consider joining us next summer to serve God.

...and to the ends of the earth

Summer 2018 Mission Trip Locations:

- ₱ Middle School Trip (7/8 Grades) will go to Duluth, MN (going a bit further out, goal is staying within 5 hours of Hutchinson).
- Tigh School Trip (9-12 Grades) will go to Los Angeles, CA (a domestic Urban mission trip).
- *Alaska Mission for Christ (2 special trips) Please talk to Anita Miller if you are interested in going to Northway or Chitina, Alaska for a week long VBS leadership opportunity.

2018 Trip Informational Meetings:

Please come to an informational meeting. We are offering two opportunities:

- Sunday, November 12th at 11:30am at Peace Place.
- Wednesday, Nov. 15th following the Confirmation Parent Meeting at 7:45pm in Peace Center.

This meeting will be for both students and parents, and other adults. It will last about an hour. Packets will be available after the meetings. If none of the dates work for you, please contact Erika Durheim.

NEW! Youth Request:

The youth are looking for old keys for an upcoming Christmas Craft project. Any kind, style or size is fine.

OLD KEYS can be donated at the counter in the ramp way near the youth bulletin board. Thanks in advance!

Mission and Ministry Minutes –October 17, 2017







Call to Order: Nick

Opening Devotion: Pastor Pasche talked about Sola Scriptura—The Scripture Alone. Martin Luther and the other Reformers returned to the Bible truth that the Scripture alone is the final authority, not the Pope, not the "Church."

Members Present: Paul Berg, Lynn Brown, Nick Brellenthin, Mike Eggert, Cindy Mons, Heidi Sickmann, Pastor

Bode, Pastor Pasche, Deanna Puchalski, Justin Evenson, Dan Cowger

Members Absent: Lee Uldbjerg **Approval of September Minutes**

Cindy made a motion to approve and Justin seconded with all voting in favor.

Touching Lives

Justin shared a personal story about an individual struggling with ongoing serious health issues. A trying time to be sure, but the person's attitude was completely changed after they agreed to pray together with another family member.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Mike reported that PLC needed to borrow \$20,000 in order to pay the bills. General fund has a negative balance of \$66,804.04. Little Lambs had a positive balance of \$15,031.71. Cash flow in all accounts had a negative balance of \$104,637.08. Building maintenance account had a balance of \$50,880.50. Building fund mortgage had a balance of \$16,371.47, leaving 1.30 months of reserve. Lynn made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Heidi seconded with all voting aye.

Scholarship Policy Discussion

After explanation from Mike about past scholarship procedure and his recommendation, Nick made a motion to place \$2,400 into the 2018 budget for assistance at Lutheran elementary, high school, and colleges with Dan seconding the motion. Heidi asked how people would be made aware of the new process. Mike said it will be in this Sunday's bulletin as well as announced at this Sunday's congregation meeting. All voted in favor.

2018 Budgeting Process

Mike shared the year ending cash reserves for the last six years. Each year our cash reserves have been declining by \$50,000-60,000. At our current mortgage payment of \$12,577 and present interest rate, the mortgage will be paid off in 23 years.

Quarterly Congregation Meeting

Dan reviewed the agenda for the quarterly congregational meeting on Sunday, October 22, 2017.

Employees will be recognized for the award that Little Lambs Christian Center received. A banner will be purchased and displayed outside of LLCC.

Youth Update

Deanna reported that the fall soup sampler was a success with a profit of \$600, which will be used for 2018 mission trips.

Minister of Operations Report

Small groups will be starting within the next couple of weeks using the Bible Study called "Follow". Dorothy (Dot) Butler was hired as the new PLC secretary. She will work 20 hours per week, starting the week of Oct. 24th. Melva will continue to serve as part time secretary. Office volunteer, Karen, will continue to help in the office. New phone system is totally operational and computer updates nearly completed.

Pastors' Updates

Pastor Bode shared that he was unable to attend last month's conference as he was not feeling well.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Bode Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Lynn Brown, Mission and Ministry Secretary

Peace Lutheran Church 400 Franklin Street SW Hutchinson, MN 55350-2493

Address Service Requested

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Hutchinson, MN
55350
PERMIT NO. 8

Little Lambs TURKEY SUPPER

Monday November 6 5-7 pm - Peace Center





Supper Includes: Turkey · Dressing · Mashed Potatoes

 $Corn \cdot Cranberries \cdot Buns \cdot Pickles$

Coffee · Milk

Homemade Pumpkin & Apple Desserts



all proceeds go to

little lambs

CHRISTIAN CENTER

We need workers for the supper and desserts.

Please sign up at the preschool or on the board by the office.

Bring friends and relatives!