



Messenger of PEACE

Touching Lives with the Love and Saving Grace of Jesus.

October 2018

Dear Members of Peace,

Bryce Cassens told me of an experience he had while elk hunting in the high country of Wyoming. The weather had been mild, but the guide told him that a change was coming. The next day there was four inches of snow on the ground and the temperature was twenty-five below zero! He spent a very cold day on a horse, but he did get an elk.

October is a month when the temperatures in Minnesota begin to decline also – hopefully not below zero yet. But as the seasons change and the temperatures fall we are aware that winter is coming. But autumn is a beautiful time of the year. The transition from summer to fall brings about a broad spectrum of colors in the trees, grasses and crops that can be utterly spectacular. The greens of spring and summer are transformed into the reds, yellows and tans of autumn. These changes could be called magical, but more properly should be referred to as divine.

Autumn marks the end of the annual growing cycle. Trees and other plants go dormant. Some animals hibernate. It is also the time for harvesting the crops, and we are made aware once again of the goodness and generosity of God.

There is so much that captures our attention in today's world – things that are fascinating – seeming to have the potential to make life better. The continuing changes in technology offer exciting possibilities for the future. But the sad truth is we still are plagued with great problems as a society and also individually. It seems, at times, that God is not regarded as the go-to person in times of trouble. In fact, some say that he doesn't even exist. Others suggest that he is hiding. But the truth is, even though no one has ever seen God, evidence of his presence is all around. The order and the splendor of the world, the certainty of the seasons following in the proper order, a bountiful harvest, and a multitude of other things confirm the reality of God's activity in our modern world.

But our preoccupation with other matters often keeps us from understanding the certainty of God's existence and how he is working in our world and life today.

It is very important that we learn to recognize the signs of God's presence. It is important because God leaves evidence of his creative abilities in places other than nature. He is mainly concerned about changing people's hearts. And this is done in an unusual way. It is through a message about himself as one who loves and accepts all people and forgives all wrong-doing. And he effectively transforms hearts and minds because of his Son, Jesus, and what Jesus has done for us. It is God's greatest desire that people come to know him and believe in his Son as the only one who has the power to rescue us from the troubles, fears and hopelessness of our modern age. He says: "Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver you..." (Ps. 50:15)

October is a month of transition – from the warmer weather of summer to the cooler and colder temperatures of winter. But this year may it also be a time – as we observe the change of seasons – a time for seeing more clearly the glory of God in the world around us and also embrace more fully the glorious good news of his unending love for you in his Son, who died for you and rose that you might live with him forever.

The Lord's richest blessings!

Pastor Bode

Official Acts



Baptisms

Aug. 25 Aaliyah Lynn Stark, daughter of Jeremy & Rebecca Stark
 Aug. 25 Rebecca Lynn Stark (adult)
 Sept. 5 Drake Michael Kephart, son of Michael & Lindsay Kephart
 Sept. 8 Avery Jo Richter, daughter of Zachary & Malary Richter

Weddings

Sept. 8 Sara Havemeier & Aaron Sanken
 Sept. 15 Michelle LeVesseur & Craig Robinson
 Sept. 22 Erin Eustice & Josh Miller

Funerals

Aug. 25 Howard "Delbert" Klabunde, 81, passed away August 20
 Sept. 7 Lyle Kressin, 82, passed away September 3
 Sept. 15 Victor Brinkmeier, 92, passed away September 10

Membership Changes

Received from Transfer- Other Lutheran

Lisa Wendinger & daughter Mackenzie* from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, North Mankato, MN
 Nathan Heldt from Faith Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN
 Elise Schwan from Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN
 Ormund & Becky Ostlie from First Lutheran Church, Glencoe, MN
 Heather Pagel from First Lutheran Church, Glencoe, MN

*Baptized Member

Acolytes

Oct. 6 6:15 p.m. Brooke and Brie Kobow
 Oct. 7 8:00 a.m. Madilyn Gehrke & Monica Padrnos
 10:30 a.m. Savanna Losievski & Grace Puckett
 Oct. 13 6:15 p.m. Bryce Klancke & Ty Bollin
 Oct. 14 8:00 a.m.
 10:30 a.m. Mason Jindra & Zach Hausladen
 Oct. 20 6:15 p.m. Kiera Ziemer & Gabby Gabrelcik
 Oct. 21 8:00 a.m. Evan Baumgarten & Ty Bollin
 10:30 a.m. Savanna Losievski
 Oct. 27 6:15 p.m. Carson Evers & Daniel Roiger
 Oct. 28 8:00 a.m.
 10:30 a.m. Chloe Telecky & Jennifer Hilgemann



Memorials

LaVern Hanke Memorial
 Little Lambs Scholarships \$ 1,011
 TTNG Principal 1,016
 \$ 2,027

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THIS MONTH

October 8:00 = Team 1

10:30 = Team 3

GREETERS SCHEDULE

	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
8:00	Jessica and Erika Urban	Troy Kurth	Jessica and Erika Urban	Bo and Stacy Miller
9:15	Tony and Kim Borka	Rory and Amy Paulson	Chris and Karen Solien	Eric and Kari Gehrke
10:30	Judy Radunz	Robbie and Sara Peterson	Cyndy Fallon	Kevin and Gloriann Heikes



	October 6/7	October 13/14	October 20/21	October 27/28
6:15	Joanne Keilen	Corinne Higgins		Joanne Keilen
8:00	Nona Anderson	Arlene Benshoof	Barb Wendling	Cassie Padrnos
9:15	Bev Luke	Shari Zieman	Betty Ruskamp	Patricia Bode
10:30	Sandra Hall	Darlyn Egge	Hazel Sitz	Phyllis Hecht



Little Lambs Preschool Education

We still have some openings in our older classes!! Classes are:
 Monday & Wednesday morning 9:00-11:30
 Tuesday & Thursday afternoon 12:30-3:00
 (Your child must be 4 before Sept 2018.)

Come and join Mrs. Koglin at Preschool.
 We have so much fun!

Call the LLCC 320-587-2629.



Thank you to all from the Peace Power Team for your support of the 2018 Relay for Life of McLeod County.

We raised \$5,704.00 for Cancer Research. This is \$1,782.00 more than last year!

The Gross Income for Relay 2018 was \$96,647.51, the Gross Expense was \$2,380.00, leaving the Net Income of \$94,267.51.

The purchase of Luminaries (our largest fund raiser), donations, and support of any kind was greatly appreciated.

“Working together for the cure.”

Peace Power Team: Mary & Jerry Haag, Glenn & Marith Witte, Shirley Wurdell, Courtney Witte, Deb Thorpe, Ronney & Wanda Wendlandt, Haley Anderson, Megan Anderson, and Renee Clabo



**Fall Soup
Sampler –
Sunday, October
14, 10:30am –
1:00pm**

A variety of soups will be available for you to sample. Bread, dessert and drinks included. Free will offering. This is a fundraiser for our youth. Please join us!

October Monthly Munchies

Our October Monthly Munchie will be anything made with pumpkin or squash.

We will be selling Monthly Munchies on Sunday, October 14th between and after all services. Our location is in the Commons Area. If you would like to donate, please bring your munchies in a disposable container, or come back after the 10:30 service to pick up your container.

We invite the entire congregation to purchase these seasonal treats! All proceeds will go to ***Tell the Next Generation.***

--Jolene Dennis and Cassie Padnos



**Maizy (Sandy Kephart)
Director of Children's Ministries
Leaves for Wales October 22, 2018**

For the past several years God has given Peace Lutheran a wonderful opportunity to share the love and saving grace of Jesus with children in India, the pastors and children's workers in the Chennai area. Along with our continued faithful support and prayers for both the physical and spiritual needs of the children of India, this fall Maizy (Sandy Kephart) and Dean'O (Dean Cotton) and a small team from Fayetteville, Georgia, will be going to Wales.

While there, they will be sharing the love and saving grace of Jesus through school shows (days 1-3), VBS (morning and night programs for 5 days), and a day of teaching and equipping Children's Workers on how to reach children with the Gospel in creative ways.

Your faithful prayers are greatly valued and appreciated. If your heart has been moved by God to support this mission opportunity financially, please mark an envelope with the words "International Missions" and place it in the Sunday Offering or stop by the church office. All donations will be credited to your offering envelope number.

On behalf of the children of India and Wales, Maizy and the Ministry Team, thank you!

MYSTERY TOUR !?!?

With the end of summer comes our Annual Mystery Tour. This year we are heading out on **Thursday, Oct. 11th**. We will board the motor coach at 7:30am and head out for the day. Total cost for the tour is \$49.50.

Sign-up deadline is **October 3rd** so don't delay. It will fill up fast! Call your friends and neighbors and invite them along on Peace's Annual Mystery Tour.

For questions or to sign up, contact Marlys at the church office (320)587-3031.

Bloodmobile

**Tuesday, October 9th
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.





Sunday Morning Bible Fellowship

8:15 am & 9:15 am

There will be two opportunities to participate each Sunday Morning and enjoy coffee, fellowship, and time in God's word. The 8:15 am class will be held in the office conference room and the 9:15 am class will meet in Room 207 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 Book of Daniel"

Do you remember the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den? Or about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and the Fiery Furnace as recorded in the Old Testament book of Daniel? And guess what, there is much, much more!!

As we travel with Daniel in the first half of the book, we will experience exciting examples of God's power and love followed by the last chapters where God allows Daniel to look ahead to future world events. All of these events lead to the coming of Jesus, the Savior. Once again, we will find in God's Word the assurance that our God is in control of all history, and He directs all things for the purpose of saving His people. The class will also have the opportunity to grow in their understanding of the culture and history during the years of Daniel.



Thursday Bible Seminar

The annual fall Thursday Bible Seminar will be held on November 8th.

Six 45-minute classes will be offered, allowing each participant to attend two mini classes during the evening. The seminar will begin at 6:30 pm and conclude by 8:30 pm. Coffee and snacks will be available throughout the evening. Please watch the Sunday Bulletin for additional details included class offerings. Mark your calendar, and invite your neighbor!

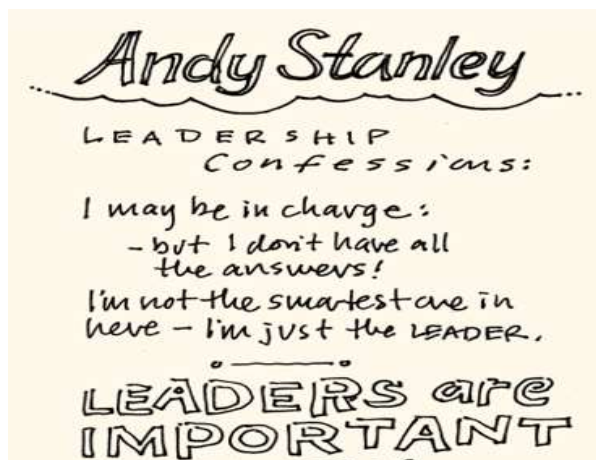
Would You Consider Serving as a Host for This Fall's Four Session Small Group Series?

This fall Peace Lutheran will launch its Annual Fall Small Group Video Bible Study the week of October 21st. The video series is titled **"Why In The World"** by Pastor Andy Stanley, a respected Pastor and gifted communicator. Our goal is to have a minimum of 25 small groups.

Do you have a heart for people? Do you enjoy a discussion with a group of your friends over a cup of coffee and a snack? You may be saying, "I have never hosted a Small Group before. Will there be printed material, training, and ongoing support? YES....the committee for this fall's Small Group Campaign will provide you with all that you will need to be a host, step by step, including leader's material, resources and an orientation/training session.

As you prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve as a host for this fall's Small Group Campaign, and you desire additional information, it would be my pleasure to visit with you.

-Paul Berg 320-587-3031 paul09@hutchtel.net



Operation Christmas Child



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 churches, it is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship, 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. Please think about contributing the following items to be included in the shoe boxes:

-dolls, stuffed animals, 70 sheet spiral notebooks, pens, pencils and sharpeners, color crayons, color books, color pencils, tape, balls (baseball size works great), soccer ball and pump, combs, brushes, hair accessories, hygiene items (no gels or liquids), any toy that is not war related, and also donations of \$9.00 to send a box.

Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive these gifts.

You may bring these items to church and put them in the "Operation Christmas Child" box in the commons area at Peace. Packing day will be November 11th in the Peace Center throughout the morning. God bless your involvement in this mission.



MCLEOD COUNTY COAT DRIVE

Coat Distribution

Oct. 17
3-6PM

Oct. 18
8AM-12PM

New Century Academy
950 School Rd. SW Hutchinson

Donation Drop-Off
Sept. 17- Oct. 15

- Common Cup
- United Way of McLeod County
- Area Churches

New or Gently Used Items Needed:


Snow Boots


Winter Jackets


Mittens


Snow Pants

Interested in volunteering? E-mail
Bev at commoncupmn@gmail.com

McLeod County Coat Drive

October 17 &
October 18

- Container for donated items will be located in Peace Lutheran Church Commons Area.

Peace Lutheran Youth Info: October 2018

Youth Contacts During Interim

For General Information:

Robbie Oeltjenbruns Youth Committee Chair 320-583-9070

Confirmation: Pastor Pasche 320-296-9877

Middle School Sunday School: Jodi Evenson 320-583-9964

Wednesday Recharge Program: Teri Friauf 320-510-0666

High School Bible Study: Heidi Sickmann 320-582-2406

2019 Summer Trips: Robbie Oeltjenbruns 320-583-9070

Church Office: 320.587.3031 Youth Ext. 2769

Email: youth@plchutch.org



Cinnamon Roll Sales – Sunday, October 7th!

The youth will be selling yummy cinnamon rolls at church on Sunday morning, October 7th. Eat one at church or take some home to enjoy later. \$2 per roll or 12 for \$20. This is a fundraiser for Youth Ministry at Peace.

Trick or Treat for the Food Shelf



Hutchinson
Ecumenical
Youth

TRICK OR EAT
COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE



On Wednesday, October 24th the confirmation students and high school youth will take part in Trick or Treating for the McLeod County Emergency Food Shelf that is sponsored by Hutchinson Ecumenical Youth Ministries (HEY!). After going door-to-door and collecting non-perishable food products, all the different church groups will meet at St. Anastasia Catholic Church to weigh and sort the donations.

This is a service project for Confirmation, attendance is expected. We hope small group mentors will go with their groups for this servant event, but we will need extra adult/parent drivers. If you are able to help, please talk to Jodi Evenson.

ATTENTION ALL PEACE MEMBERS: Youth from the community churches will be coming to your house this night to gather donations for the McLeod Country Food Shelf – Not going to be home? Just leave a bag by your front door marked “HEY!”, we’ll collect it!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE to all of you who will donate and to the youth and adults who participate and help make this event so successful!



Help Serve lunch to over 400 high school youth!

Peace hosts Thursday Free Lunch (through Hutchinson Area Youth-HAY! Ministries) at Crosspoint (across from the high school) on **Thursday, October 11th**. Adults, consider volunteering your time, if you are available during the day. This year there will be 2 lunch times, and they are earlier! This will mean serving lots more kids each shift. Therefore, we will start prepping at 8:30am, and should be done and cleaned up by 1:00 – 1:30pm. Talk to Robbie/Mel if you are able to help for part of the day, or to help the entire time. Also, please pray for the young people who are able to hear the word of God each week through this outreach ministry. Thanks! **SAVE THE DATES:** Peace will serve Thursday lunches on **October 11th, January 3rd, March 7th, May 9th**.

2019 LCMS National Youth Gathering is Coming!

Real.Present.God #NYG2019

Held every 3 years, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God’s people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in God’s word, worship, service and fellowship with others from across the synod. This event is organized by [LCMS Youth Ministry](#). We will be hosting two **general informational meetings: Sunday, September 30th from 10:30–11 and Wednesday, October 3rd from 7:15 – 7:45 pm.**

This event is open to all CURRENT 8th – 12th Graders!

Deadline to Register is October 14th – Talk to Robbie with Questions



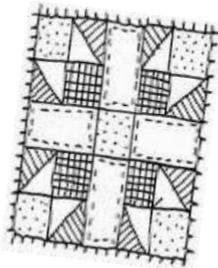
Does your family know what your wishes are?

Parish Health will be offering information and help on Advance Directives. Watch bulletins and bulletin boards for more information in the next months. Any questions please ask a Parish Health member or call Shirley at 587-5064.



Want to Tie One On?

Looking for helpers to tie quilts for mission quilting. If you can tie your shoes, you can tie a quilt. Join us on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday of the month at 1pm in the church basement. No experience required and all supplies are provided. If you have questions please call Shirley at 587-5064. See you there!



MAP (Missions Awareness Program) Grades K-5 Two Hour Late Start

This program will meet at Peace in the church basement on regular scheduled two hour late start days. The Children enjoy breakfast, learn about a mission project and work on activities to support the mission. At the conclusion the children are walked to Park Elementary. Kindergarten and First Grade will ride the bus with Little Lambs Childcare Center. **THIS PROGRAM STARTS IN NOVEMBER.**

If you have a desire to share the love and saving grace of Jesus with the children of our congregation, we would love to have you join our team. We currently are in need of 5th grade teachers. Please call Sandy 587-3031 for more information.

****Also note that there is **NO ELEMENTARY YOUTH GROUP** on October 3rd, 17th, 24th and 31st.

Alaska Mission Trips



For twenty years Anita and Jeff Miller have been leading small groups to Alaska to conduct Vacation Bible School. Five of those have been sponsored from Peace Lutheran. Two years ago, we added a second experience because of more interest. Every year we have looked for the "next" leader to take over, but no one has stepped up to accept the responsibility. We believe this is a good time to step down from leadership of these trips.

We have been overwhelmed with the support that members from Peace Lutheran have given towards these trips. The support was very much appreciated. We have visited with Paul Berg and Sandy Kephart about the next steps and we have also shared our decision with the leadership of Alaska Missions for Christ (AMC). Both Northway and Chitina AK cannot be left without this VBS Christian witness.

Thank you again for your generous support over the years and please continue to pray for the Christian witness to these communities.

Anita and Jeff Miller

Prince of Peace Retirement Living October 2018



Change is in the air... the children have returned to school, Sunday School programs are filling up, and we start thinking about the upcoming holidays. Change is also upon us, here at Prince of Peace Retirement Living. We have a position open and are looking for the right person to fill it.

Are you looking for something part-time with a set schedule, working for a non-profit in a Christian environment, then we might be just the answer. You'll be responsible for cooking prearranged recipes, serving the noon meal, and light housekeeping.

If you would like more information, please call Lindsay at 234-7588 or email her at willslindsay@gmail.com or feel free to stop by between 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. She'd welcome the visit.

-Merline Duering, Ex. Director



PRAYZ TEAM - All youth and children are welcome to join us! See Dr. Joan for a yellow T-shirt! We sing for all 9:15am family worship services, 5:15 worship in Advent and Lent. The next family worship time is Sunday, November 11th at 9:15am for Operation Christmas Child.

Confirmation PRAYZ TEAM - 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.

Hard Hat offering music - Children and youth are encouraged to provide music for hard hat offerings on the last Sunday of each month (6:15pm, 8:00am or 10:30am). See Dr. Joan to sign up.

New AV team members are welcome to join us! Please stop by the AV booth (Sanctuary or Peace Center), or see one of 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!

HCVN Channel 10 - The 8:00am worship service plays on Sunday at 7:00pm and Thursday at 10:00am. The 9:15am worship plays on Wednesday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 10:00am (one week after the actual service). All Sunday morning worship services are also streamed "live" and archived on our website.

Reformation Sunday Celebration - Sunday, October 28

Worship Services 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 - German Dinner 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Dinner includes:

Chicken in White Wine Sauce over Spatzle, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Smoked Sausage, Red Cabbage, Sauerkraut, Apple Crisp, Bread, Pickled Beets, Dill Pickles and Beverage

Suggested Donation:

\$8.00 for Adults

\$5.00 for age 10 and under

Hosanna Handbell Concert Performing in the Peace Center



Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!

Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp! Praise Him with tambourine and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!

Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Psalms 150: 1-6

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**Common Cup Ministry
Coming Together in Song XII**

**Sunday, November 18th
4:00 p.m.
at Christ the King Church**

Dorcas - Women in Mission – September 13th, 2018



President Delores Reiner opened the meeting with pledges to the flags. Phyllis Hecht read a devotion. Erika Durheim showed slides and told of the three youth mission trips LA, Haiti, and Duluth MN. The secretary's report was approved as read. Correspondence: The following thank you cards were received from the LaVern Hanke family and \$200.00 for serving his funeral, for serving the Mark Wendlandt funeral and \$150.00 from his family, and a thank you from Kay

Johnson for the honorarium received, given back to Dorcas for missions. A thank you from Concordia Seminary for the "Adopt a Seminarian", Brian Shane, and an invitation to the Fall Rally from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Women's Mission League, on Sat. Oct. 20th, 8:30 A. M. to 12:30.

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2,827.18, as of Aug. 31st, 2018. LWML: Sandra Hall reminded us that LWML Sunday will be Oct. 7th. All women of the congregation are invited to meet on Wednesdays at 11:30 A.M. to rehearse a hymn to sing as a group for LWML Sunday. Fall Rally Program will be on Haiti. Gifts from the Heart will be cash for Haiti Missions. You may bring your donation to Rebecca or Melva at the church office. The WOM magazine would like news reports of church group activities. Spring Rally will be at Our Savior's, date to be determined.

Cheer: Made 24 local visits, mailed 9 birthday, 6 praying for you and 4 sympathy, for a total of 19 cards.

Card Shop: Sold one box at \$7.00, and 29 singles at \$1.00 for a total of \$ 36.00.

Mission Servants: Phyllis reported that 5 members went to Bethesda. Three boxes of precut knit squares are available for quilt tops. Mission Sewing begins on Wed. Oct. 3rd. A notice is in the Messenger about baby items needed for layettes. Check the Dorcas board to learn how many items have been sent to Third World Countries.

Outreach: Motions were made and passed and approved to donate \$200.00 to Our Savior's Lutheran School for the Peace student attending. \$200.00 to Peace Lutheran Youth, and \$200 for Haiti Missions.

Other Business: Group 5 is assigned to clean the basement kitchen this fall.

Motion made and passed to cancel the Oct. Dorcas Meeting. Members are encouraged to attend the Fall Rally instead.

Membership: 17 members and 7 guests.

Hostesses were Nina Mattkins and Shirley Miller.

Meeting closed with the table prayer.

Secretary: Marianne Johnson

*Women's
Ministry*

DID YOU KNOW?

Dorcas: Women in Mission is the society at Peace Lutheran Church that is the official member group of LWML? One of our duties is to collect the Mites you donate and send them in to the MN So district for distribution to National and District outreach projects.

Dorcas: Women in Mission also donates to at least one outreach project each month. The money for these projects comes from our society treasury. Some of the projects we supported in 2018 so far are the following:

Large print Portals of Prayer for Peace members, Lutheran Hour broadcasts over KDUZ, Orphan Grain Train, LCMS Disaster Relief, a Concordia, St. Louis seminary student, Camp Omega, Alaska Mission for Christ, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, LCMS World Missions, Little Lambs Christian Center, Peace Lutheran Church senior high youth, children from Peace who attend Our Savior's Lutheran School, and catechisms for Pastor Chad Kirchoff's students in Hastings, MN.

If you would like to help support our Outreach Projects, you may donate at any time during the year. Please indicate your contribution is going to Dorcas: Women in Mission on an envelope and put it in the offering plate or deliver it to the church office. Thank you for helping us to continue our long-standing commitment to missions.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Presents a Christian Seminar by

Rev. Dr. Paul L. Maier

"Christianity & World Religions"

Focusing on Far and Middle East including Muhammed, the Qu'ran and Islam along with non-Christian religions of the west.



Sat. Oct 20

9 am - 3 pm

coffee and check-in; 8:30 am

Peace Center

\$15/includes lunch

Dr. Paul L. Maier is the Russell H. Seibert Professor of Ancient History at Western Michigan University, and a much published author of both scholarly and popular works which include historical documentaries and non-fiction. More than 5 million Maier books are now in print in 20 languages as well as over 300 scholarly articles in professional journals. Read more about Dr. Maier and his work at PaulMaier.com

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS -
EVERYONE WELCOME!



To reserve your
tickets, call or stop in
Peace Lutheran
Church office
by Oct 17th

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Mission and Ministry Minutes –August 21, 2018



Call to Order: Nick called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

Opening Devotion: Paul Berg led the Council in prayer.

Members Present: Paul Berg, Lynn Brown, Nick Brellenthin, Cindy Mons, Heidi Sickmann, Lee Uldbjerg, Deanna Puchalski, Kim Borka, Pastor Pasche, Troy Puckett

Guest: Jeff Weckworth, Elder liaison

Approval of June and July Minutes: Lee made a motion to approve both months' minutes and Kim seconded with all voting aye. Troy was voted as the interim treasurer by Council via email vote on August 1st, 2018.

Touching Lives: Kim shared a story about an old college friend that she lost touch with, although reconnected with him once five years after college. She recently had a dream about him, looked him up and discovered that he had passed away in 2006 from a snowmobile accident. She contacted his mother to let her know that she had this dream and wanted to express her sympathies. His mom was so happy to hear from her and touched that someone was still thinking about him after all this time. The Holy Spirit was likely prompting Kim to go the extra mile and connect with her deceased friend's mother.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Troy shared the corrected June financial report and the July financial report. June general fund had a negative balance of \$96,194.87. Little Lambs Christian Center had a balance of \$10,738.54. Cash flow in all accounts had a negative balance of \$52,795.50. Building maintenance fund had a balance of \$80,090.82. Building mortgage fund had a balance of \$23,998.69, leaving 1.91 months in reserve. July general fund had a negative balance of \$107,020.03. Little Lambs Christian Center had a balance of \$13,940.82. Cash flow in all accounts had a negative balance of \$62,274.64. Building maintenance fund had a balance of \$85,661.99. Building mortgage fund had a balance of \$16,571.26, leaving 1.32 months in reserve. Troy told the committee that we needed to make a decision about which health care plan to use for the upcoming year and shared the options. After discussion, Heidi made a motion to approve the current health care plan, "Select 1000", Lee seconded, and all voted aye. Troy proposed asking the congregational fund committee for Christian scholarship funds. We will wait until applications for scholarships are received before the request is made. Due date for scholarship requests will be October 15th. Bookkeeper is working to set up vendor list for employees to use only tax-free vendors when ordering supplies. The new five-hour Sunday school music director position will be paid out of the existing budget for Christian elementary education. Troy made a motion to approve Robbie Oeltjenbruns as the credit card holder for youth purchases, and Lynn seconded, will all voting aye. Heidi made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Cindy seconded, with all voting aye.

Update on Youth Director: Pastor Pasche has contacted Concordia University System and the MN South District office to notify them of our need for a 29-hour youth minister position. A possibility to consider is a DCE (director of Christian education) internship, which would not be available until spring. After a year internship, that individual could apply for a position. Another option is to raise someone up from the congregation. Pastor Pasche will also post the position on Facebook per recommendation from Council members. In the interim the youth board committee will lead secondary Sunday school and Wednesday youth group.

Minister of Operations Report: Paul passed around thank you notes from congregation members for flowers received for milestone anniversaries. Paul shared that adult bible study will be at 8:15 and 9:15, and discussion will be from the book of Daniel. Fall small group study will be a 4-session study called "Why in the World?" By Andy Stanley which will begin in mid-October. Dr. Paul Maier will be at PLC on October 20th to lead a day-long seminar on world religions. Bonnie Sadaiskis started working today at PLC. This position is funded through a government program for seniors. She will help with some special projects and support the office staff.

Pastor Update: Pastor Pasche signed up for a pastoral leadership training course. Funding will be provided by a scholarship he received. For ongoing leadership training, fees will be incorporated into the continuing education line item in the budget. Pastor Pasche presented suggested revisions from church staff to the PLC fundraising policy approved on 4/19/18. Council agreed to the revisions. Lynn will make revisions, Troy will revise application form. Revised fundraising policy will be presented to Council via email vote.

Motion to Adjourn: Lynn made a motion to adjourn, and Troy seconded with all voting aye.
Pastor Pasche closed with prayer.

Submitted by: Lynn Brown, Mission and Ministry Council Secretary

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Mission and Ministry Minutes –September 18, 2018



Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Nick.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Pasche read an excerpt from Red Letter Challenge, a book written by Zach Zehnder, Lutheran pastor, concerning being sanctified by God's grace.

Touching Lives: Kim shared a story about a person who is experiencing some significant health and transportation issues, relying on others to get herself and children to where they need to go. Kim had offered rides to her, and later checked back with her. Thankfully, someone in this person's life had stepped forward and given her a car. Through our trials, the Lord puts people in our lives to lessen our burdens.

Members Present: Paul Berg, Lynn Brown, Nick Brellenthin, Cindy Mons, Heidi Sickmann, Lee Uldbjerg, Deanna Puchalski, Kim Borka, Heidi Sickmann, Troy Puckett, Pastor Bode, Pastor Pasche

Approval of August Minutes: Deanna made a motion to approve, and Kim seconded with all voting aye.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Troy presented a revised document from Citizens Bank needing signatures of all officers with the purpose being to authorize check signing, borrowing money, and having access to the safety deposit box. PLC's line of credit is up to \$140,000. August general fund had a negative balance of \$114,786.66. LLCC had balance of \$18,061.27. Cash flow in all accounts had a negative balance of \$59,539.57. Building maintenance fund had a balance of \$82,668.81. Building mortgage fund had a balance of 3,182.14, leaving 0.25 months in reserve. Troy presented a time line for the 2019 budget. Nick made a motion to approve the time line for the new budget, financial report, and revision of bank document, Lee seconded, with all voting aye. Lynn made a motion to keep the amount of credit on the youth credit card the same, with Heidi seconding, and all voting aye. Robbie Oeltjenbruns is the credit card holder for youth purchases. Robbie had been approved as holder of the credit card at the August meeting, but Citizens Bank needed to know if the amount was the same as before.

Congregational Fund Status Update: A small amount of money is available for scholarships after mortgage payment contributions. Marc Max reported to Lee that we are potentially one year away from a negative return from the fund, due to the return on bonds.

Minister of Operations Report: Andy Stanley's 4-part series on "Why in the World?" will begin in mid-October. Dr. Paul Maier will be at PLC on October 20th, speaking on Christianity and World Religions. A Thursday evening seminar will be held on November 8th from 6:30-8:30 P.M., featuring six different sessions. People can choose two forty-five minute sessions to attend. Adult bible morning study will focus on the book of Daniel.

Pastoral Update: Pastor conference is coming up in October and will be held in Mankato. Confirmation starts tomorrow. Leslie Korngiebel has been hired for the five-hour position as children's music director. There has been a good response with sign-up for upcoming Dave Ramsey course. Pastor shared a sample weekend agenda for Dr. Johnson's visit to PLC about the congregational study on missional formation, which will likely be scheduled for early November. Pastor Pasche will be leaving for Chicago for pastoral leadership training course this week.

Motion to Adjourn: Lynn made a motion to adjourn, Heidi seconded, with all voting aye.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Bode closed with prayer.

Submitted by: Lynn Brown, Mission and Ministry Secretary

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