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# Messenger of PEACE

*Touching Lives with the Love and Saving Grace of Jesus.*

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**“I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).**

These are the last words of Matthew’s gospel. Jesus has completed His mission of salvation and is returning to the Father. These last words are some of the most comforting words we can hear in our faith lives. What a comfort it is to know that Jesus is with us always by His Holy Spirit. These words from the mouth of Jesus - promise us here that His love, His friendship, and His mercy will remain with us always, until the end of the age.

**“I am with you always...”** is the theme for our Sunday School this year. This was a promise made to Jesus’ disciples - both then and now. Just before Jesus says these words, he has given us our marching orders as well. He has given us our mission as his disciples in every age, until the end of time. ***“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” (Mt. 28:19).***

Jesus, in His life among us, revealed the errors of our ways and made the ways of God visible to us in His words and His deeds. We also see that the people of his own home town rejected him. He endured the anger, and the denials of the religious leaders. He even knew the pain of abandonment by those he loved at his arrest, even that of Peter’s threefold denial. And still, in the midst of his suffering and death, He showed us that the core of God’s love (and of our love for one another), is always the healing and the liberating power of forgiveness.

Who could know better than Jesus, the trials that His disciples would encounter on their mission roads? He knew them then, and He knows us now, intimately. He knows our weaknesses. He knows that we are often filled with doubt and with fears. But He knows our hearts too. He knows that we desire to be his good and faithful disciples in this world. He knows what we need. He knows that our mission is not, nor will it ever be, easy. This is why he made this promise to be with us “to the end of the age,” at the end of Matthew’s gospel.

This is a promise to Peace Lutheran as well! May He continue to guide us through our 5 prescriptions. May He lead us to a better understanding of the Mission of God. And how we as His children will be used to serve Him here in His kingdom. May He lead us to see that Kingdom work right here in our community of Hutchinson. Where ever there is a need – there is where Christ will be at His work of Redemption.

We can believe and take hope in the promise of Christ. When we willingly follow in the way of Jesus, He is with us. When we stumble or fall, He does not abandon us, but waits faithfully for our hearts to turn back to him and then he enfolds us instantly in his graceful and loving embrace. To believe this is to know the peace that surpasses all understanding that can come from Him alone.

In our most trying hours, Jesus helps us to know that He is with us. He strengthens us with this faith. In our hours of contentment and joy, Jesus helps us to know that it is all a gift from Him! Allowing us to share grateful prayers of simple praise of all that He does for us and His presence in our lives! **“I am with you always...”**

**Peace Lutheran Church – Pastor John Pasche**



# Official Acts

## Baptisms

July 12	Gibson Earl Melberg, son of Mitchell & Amanda Melberg
July 21	Wesley Glenn Paulson, son of Rory & Amy Paulson
August 3	Easton Matthew West, son of Matt West & Lara Egge
August 11	Amelia Caroline Hemling, daughter of Bradley & Montana Hemling
August 31	Robert Thomas Quast, son Ryan & Megan Quast

## Weddings

August 24	Ashley Hunstad & Dylan Blumberg
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## Funerals

July 1	Irene Scharmer, passed away June 1 <sup>st</sup> .
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## Memorials

### Ralph Geier Memorial

TTNG (Principal)	\$50.00
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### Elzie Huls Memorial

TTNG (Principal)	\$50.00
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### Melvin Burmeister Memorial

TTNG (principal)	\$2005.00
Altar Guild	\$15.00

### Irene Scharmer Memorial

LLCC	\$420.00
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\*These are the Memorials designated in July and August 2019.



**8 a.m.                      9:15 a.m.                      10:30 a.m.**

### Sunday, September

<b>1:</b> Nona Anderson		
<b>8:</b> Shirley Wurdell	Scott Brusehaver	Marlene Hamblin
<b>15:</b> Arlene Benshoff	Betty Ruskamp	Marion Fenske
<b>22:</b> Cassie Padrnos	Shari Ziemann	John Lietz
<b>28:</b> Bev Luke	Jeff Miller	Sandi Lietz

### Saturday, September - 6:15 p.m.

<b>7:</b> Charlene Havelka
<b>14:</b> Dick Higgins
<b>21:</b> Joann Keilen
<b>28:</b> Annette Koehler



**September Ushers                      8:00 Team #2**  
**10:30 Team #5**

## Membership Changes

### Received

- \*Jan Klabunde from Our Savior Church, Excelsior, MN
- \*Kaytlyn Rannow from St. John's Church, Hutchinson, MN
- \*Brad Emans from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Pequot Lakes, MN
- \*Ashley Dobratz from St. Mark's Church, New Germany, MN
- \*Robert Sylvester through Affirmation of Faith
- \*Shirley Wicklund from St. Paul's Church, Hector, MN
- \*The Jenkins Family from Our Savior's Church, Hutchinson, MN
- \*The Cisewski Family from Our Savior's Church, Hutchinson, MN
- \*The Blackstone Family from St. Jame's Church, Howard Lake, MN

### Transferred Out

- \*Jill Bussler to Immanuel Lutheran, Brownton, MN
- \*Linda Butzin to Our Savior's Church, Hutchinson, MN
- \*The Feider Family to St. John's, Howard Lake, MN
- \*Johanna Markgraf to Zion Evangelical, Buffalo Lake, MN



### Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

8:00	Allan and Shirley Fuchs
9:15	Dale and Judy Schumann
10:30	

### Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

8:00	Merle Schlueter
9:15	Rory and Amy Paulson & Wesley
10:30	Lee and Shirley Uldberg

### Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00	Troy Kurth
9:15	Sharon Christensen & Beth Johnson
10:30	Cyndy Fallon

### Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:00	Scott and Shannon Streich
9:15	Tony and Kim Borka
10:30	Don and Phyllis Hecht

### Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

8:00	Scott and Shannon Streich
9:15	Chris and Jolene Dennis & Family
10:30	Darlyn Egge & Roselyn, Sophie & Maggie Markgraf

## Bloodmobile

**Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

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



### Driver Improvement Program Opportunity for Adults 55 and Over:

If you are 55+ here is an opportunity to take the Driver Improvement Program and save 10% on your insurance for 3 years. The 4-hour re-certification classes will be on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-9:30 p.m. The 8-hour starter classes will be on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-9:30 p.m. All classes will be held in Room 207 in the Education Building. Register by calling 1-888-234-1294 (toll free), Minnesota Safety Research Center, or on line at [www.mnsafetycenter.org](http://www.mnsafetycenter.org)

## R<sub>x</sub> Prescription Pad

Dr. Philip Johnsons team gave 5 Prescriptions for Peace. The first prescription for Peace is **Vision**. The team chosen to clarify the vision was announced Sunday July 28 at the congregational meeting.

The members of the vision team with Pastor Pasche are Ross Wendling, Ross Peterson, Marc Telecky, Karen Solien, Renae McKimm, Scott Brusehaver, Jan Bakken and Paul Berg.

The team will meet with Pastor Mark Frith, the facilitator as they complete their prescription. Watch for notices to meet as a congregation to provide input and recommendations.

The steering committee continues to meet and will be interviewing candidates as they select a facilitator for the **Structure** prescription, the second of the five.

All steering committee members are available to answer questions.

Les Young	320-583-2021
John Kalenberg	612-840-2701
Brad Wick	320-583-8737
Dick Higgins	320-587-7480
Lynn Brown	320-582-0193
Shirley Wurdell	320-583-1009
Pastor Pasche	320-296-9877
Paul Berg	320-444-3464

## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!!!

Because there have been so many new members and other changes in our congregation, it has been decided to have a new church directory done. This will be a new, simpler procedure for signing up and photographing. We will have an update in the weekly bulletins to keep you informed. The sign-up dates are **October 8<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>**. There will be two options for scheduling your appointment---on weekends at the church or online. Lifetouch will be here to photograph our church families so please make an appointment for your family and encourage your friends to be included in our new directory. The enclosed insert will give you more information but if you still have questions please contact Marlys at the church office. Don't miss out! Be the first to sign up to be included in the **NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY**.

### Operation Christmas Child

If you would like to plan ahead for Operation Christmas Child and purchase items early that are on sale for school, the following items will be included in the shoe boxes:



- \*70 sheet spiral notebooks
- \*pens
- \*pencils and sharpeners
- \*color crayons
- \*color pencils and sharpeners
- \*tape
- \*bandages
- \*balls (baseball size works great)
- \*combs and brushes
- \*hair accessories
- \*soccer ball and pump
- \*any toy that is not war related

You may bring these items to church and put them in the "Operation Christmas Child" box in the commons at Peace. Peace will be packing our shoeboxes November 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 to 10:15. Come and join the fun!!

**Thank you** – Many thanks to everyone who attended the Summer Recitals and to Marlys Palmer and the many kitchen volunteers who assisted with the wonderful Salad Luncheons!

**9:15am Outdoor Worship** - We will remain outdoors through September 8<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting).



## **Prince of Peace Retirement Living September**

With summer changing to fall, we reflect on the things that change and the things that stay the same. This year, we are reflecting on how blessed we are with great volunteers, whether it is the weekend meals or entertainment during the month. Throughout the year, we see the changes, different faces, new opportunities to volunteer, projects that end. We also see what stays the same; dedication, willingness, eagerness, being proud of a volunteered job well done. Once again this year, we will be serving over 100 residents, guests, and volunteers at our annual

Backyard BBQ Potluck. If you would like to volunteer, please call Destini Doring at 234-7588 and she will get you set up.

Remember if you or anyone you know is interested in living at Prince of Peace, they should consider adding their name to the waiting list. This is such an exhilarating thought.... a "waiting list"; which could not have been realized without the Boards continued support, the volunteers and their gift of time, the church and their members who continue to show their support. Along with, the staff, whose pride is evident throughout the building and the residents, whose smiles of contentment reminds us all that, no matter what changes we encounter our mission stays the same!

Merline Duering, Executive Director



### **ICE CREAM SOCIAL and POLKA SERVICE**

Saturday night, September 7--Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers

4:30-6:00pm Ice cream social for \$8.00; 5:00

free concert; 6:15pm worship in the Peace Center.

Proceeds benefit TTNG. Supplemental funding provided by Thrivent Financial.

### **September Monthly Munchies**

It's Back!!! Our September Monthly Munchie will be something made with apples including but not limited to pies, apple sauces, coffee cakes, crunches and crisps.

We will be selling Monthly Munchies on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> between and after all services. Our location is in the Commons Area. If you would like to donate, please bring your apple munchies in a disposable container, or come back after the 10:30 service to pick it up.

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



**HCVN, Channel 10** - The 8:00am worship is playing on Sunday at 7:00pm and Thursday at 10am. The 9:15 worship is playing on Wednesday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 10:00pm (one week after the actual service). Sunday services are recorded and can be viewed either live or in the archives on our website.

### **Maizy (Sandy Kephart)**

**Director of Children's**

**Ministries Leaves for Wales**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> – November 6<sup>th</sup>**



Maizy will be returning to Wales again this year to continue building relationships and working together with local churches in the city of Gurnos and the Valleies around Merthyr Tydfil. While there, Maizy and her good friend Dean'o (Dean Cotton) will be sharing the love and saving grace of Jesus with children in Primary schools, local churches, morning and evening Holiday Clubs (VBS) and wherever else God opens doors.

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 Wales, Maizy and the Ministry Team, thank you!

**For more than a decade**, God has given Peace Lutheran a wonderful opportunity to build relationships and work together with local pastors and church workers in the City of Chennai, and the surrounding area in India. Our friend Pastor Dicrose will be in the US and will be here to speak to the congregation during the 9:15 worship service on Sept. 29, and during confirmation on Oct. 2. This will be a wonderful opportunity to hear firsthand the doors God is opening in India. Look for more information as it becomes available.



**Audio-Video Team** - Please 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! We are always looking for additional volunteers. A signup sheet for confirmation students will be on the reception desk in the lobby.

**Peace Lutheran Congregation:**

Hutchinson High School senior Cole Meyer recently began the journey of creating an organization: **Warm the Homeless**. He has partnered with the Common Cup. Their mission is to collect blankets and socks through drop-boxes throughout the community for distribution among the homeless community in McLeod County. The goal is to have the boxes out and ready to go in the community by September, the box will have a poster taped to the front and be placed in the commons area. We look forward to helping this young man and his organization.

**Handbells** - Proceeds from the Summer Recital Luncheons and Thrivent Action Grants are being used to have our handbells refurbished. The first 3 octaves of bells were purchased over 40 years ago. After a factory inspection, it was recommended that all of the handles and clappers be replaced at this time. The parts are old and are cracking and could cause damage to the bells if not replaced. If you have an interest in donating toward the cost of the handbell refurbishment, please designate your offering for "handbells." Please see Troy Puckett, Treasurer, if you have questions.

**Looking for Volunteers**

We are looking for additional volunteers for the receptionist desk in the commons area. Please contact the church office if you are interested.



**Little Lambs Christian Center is Now Accepting Registrations for 2019-2020**

**We Offer:** - Kindergarten Readiness – Christian Based Curriculum – Learning Made Fun!

**For more information, please contact:** Rhonda Hulzebos - Director at 320-587-2629 or [littlelambs@hutchtel.net](mailto:littlelambs@hutchtel.net)

**Little Lambs Christian Center – Volunteers!**

LLCC is looking for volunteers to help with dishing up lunches and washing dishes one day a week. This will begin at 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please contact Lynn Brown at (320) 582-0193 if you are interested!

**Little Lambs is no longer collecting** Box tops, Moola Milk caps, or Campbell's Soup labels. Similarly, the youth are no longer collecting pop tabs or plastic caps. Prescription glasses can be donated to the Lions Club at the vision center at Walmart. Aluminum cans continue to be collected in the trailer by Peace Place. Thank you

**THANK YOU** to the many who pray often during the week, using the Prayers for Peace in their Sunday Bulletin.

**Dorcas - Women in Mission**

Dorcas Women in Mission will meet Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 p.m. Linda Butzin will be speaking about the LWML Convention. All women are invited and encouraged to attend



**Please take a look** at our community bulletin board in the rampway to see what events are happening.

# Peace Lutheran Youth Info: September 2019

## Youth Contacts During Interim

### For General Information:

**Becky Puckett:** Youth Committee Chair 612-385-7928

**Confirmation:** Pastor Pasche 320-296-9877

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

**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](mailto:youth@plchutch.org)



### 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) ☩ 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 Becky 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! Please watch weekly bulletin for dates to be announced.

### 2019 Summer Review – Photos online!!

It has been a great and busy summer in youth ministry at Peace. We have taken so many pictures from our events, we want to share some stories with you as well.

### Cinnamon Roll Sales – Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>!

The youth will be selling yummy cinnamon rolls at church on Sunday morning, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Eat one at church or take some home to enjoy later. \$2 per roll. This is a fundraiser for Youth Ministry at Peace.



### There are BIG CHANGES to our youth programs this school year!

***Descriptions and Registration for most of our youth ministry programs are listed in the “Student Programs Registration” Flyer that is enclosed in this newsletter.***

Please grab a Fall Brochure from the youth board in the ramp way or from the info desk at Peace Place for the complete Youth Ministry Schedule.

**Middle School Youth:** Details will be explained at the Confirmation Orientation on September 11<sup>th</sup> @6:15pm.

**High School Youth:** Watch weekly bulletins and the messenger for upcoming event dates and changes.

### Confirmation Grades 6-8

September 11<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Times vary by grade)

Location: Education Wing

Please be sure to fill out a separate confirmation form

**Orientation day** is September 11 for grades 6, 7, and 8. Orientation will be held in the Peace Center for both students and parents.

### High School Youth Group Grades 9-12

Sundays at 9:15 a.m. starting September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

This Sunday youth group will go deeper in scripture and help those high school students who have completed confirmation explore our faith through in depth Bible Study and prayer. This is an opportunity for youth to know Jesus and help grow in discipleship.



## 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.

**Our first class will be starting on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, and we will be studying:**

### **We The Church: The Priesthood of All Believers Called to Proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior**

Who loved you enough to bring you to Jesus or to be baptized? Have you ever thought about that? Through video presentations, study of God's Word and group discussion the class will come to a greater understanding of the statement, "We The Church; The Priesthood of All Believers, called to Proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior". The class will also look back in history to the time when immigrant communities of German Christians came to America, exploding into a mainline denomination of more than 6,000 congregations, now known as The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). Beyond the historical context the class will be challenged as it comes to a greater understanding of the role of every believer as part of the Priesthood of All Believers, called to proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior.

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### **"God's Story.... your story"**

#### **Fall 2019 Small Group Bible Study/Fellowship**

#### **The launch of this fall's Small Group**

The launch of the Fall Small Group Bible Study Campaign will be the week of **October 20<sup>th</sup>**. The theme is "God's Story...your story".

Max Lucado, a gifted and creative teacher, will lead us through this six-part video series. Lucado has sold more than 100 million books and appeared on every major national bestseller list. Through his warmth and heartfelt examples Max will give you a perspective on how your daily life relates to God's grand epic story. Your journey of faith will come alive as you explore and discover how ancient stories of Scripture Reveal God's plans for you today.

Please watch the Sunday bulletin and web site for information regarding signing up for this exciting Small Group Experience.

If you have never participated in a Small Group Bible Study, it would be my pleasure to answer any questions you may have. I also wish to encourage prayerfully serving as a Small Group Host.

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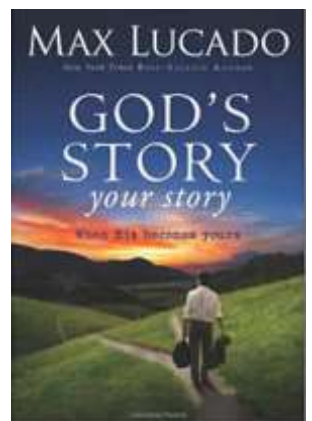
### ***Would You Consider Serving as a Host for This Fall's Four Session Small Group Series?***

This fall Peace Lutheran will launch its Annual Fall Small Group Video Bible Study the week of October 20<sup>th</sup>. The video series is titled **"God's Story...Your Story"** by Max Lucado, 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](mailto:paul09@hutchtel.net)



## **Every Wednesday Noon beginning September 18th Soup, Sandwich & Word of God**



You are invited to enjoy a tasty lunch with fellowship along with time in God's Word every **Wednesday beginning September 18<sup>th</sup>**.

This tradition continues with Pastor Bode leading the group through meaningful scripture and life application. The delicious lunch is prepared and served by Marlys Palmer and her faithful volunteers. The cost of the lunch is covered by a free will offering.

Lunch is served beginning at 11:45 am with Time in God's Word beginning at 12:20 pm. The class is structured so you may come and go as your schedule allows. It's a tremendous opportunity not only for yourself, but maybe there is a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker who would be blessed by attending the Wednesday Noon Soup, Sandwich & Word of God. Prayerfully think about who you may know.

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## **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Mcleod County Senior Expo**

Education, Opportunity, and Resources for people over 55

"Reminiscing and Remembering"

Guest speaker is Lindsay Whalen

Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Hutchinson Event Center

\$10 a ticket. There are a limited number of seats available. Tickets are available at the Event Center in Hutchinson.

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## **Little Lambs Preschool Program Bigger this Year**

If there is one thing Hutchinson residents have its plenty of education options. With more than a dozen school buildings in the city, and more day care facilities as well, parents have a lot of choices to make starting with the youngest students.

One of those options is Little Lambs Christian Center, a day care at Peace Lutheran Church. The center was launched eight years ago in a new, secured space built on the church's southwest side for the new outreach program. Among its offerings was a 2 1/2-hour preschool program a few days a week.

"That really wasn't what people were looking for," said Rhonda Hulzebos, the center's director.

Starting this September, it will transform into the new Kindergarten Readiness Program scheduled 9 a.m.-3 p.m. five days a week. Scholarships are available for the Christian-based program, which has hired new staff for its growth and is now up to 13 staff members.

"In the switch somehow it got out that we closed our preschool," Hulzebos said. "We didn't."

The program, which has a class size of 20, will cover art, spoken language, math, nature and science, social studies, history and writing. One lesson planned will start with a picture.

"They will write a story about it, as much as they can figure out," Hulzebos said.

Subjects are designed to follow the Kindergarten Academic Standards from the Minnesota Department of Education, and help students develop the foundation they need to start kindergarten.

The center also offers infant child care, toddler child care and a school-age program that runs before and after school and through the summer for students through age 12.

"A lot of people start here as infants and don't leave here until they are 12," Hulzebos said.



## September Prayer Calendar for Peace Lutheran

1. Pray for good attendance and participation in our worship services
2. Labor Day: Give thanks for the workers that make our lives so comfortable
3. Pray for the residents of Harmony River and that they may be able to attend the services today
4. Pray for safety of our children as they attend their new classes
5. Pray for those celebrating another year of life this month. Happy Birthday!
6. TGIF. Be thankful for a safe and successful week
7. Pray for those enjoying the polka services and the good food at the Ice Cream Social
8. Pray for people to step forward to help with our Sunday School. A blessing for the teachers and the kids
9. Pray for the small groups that meet to learn more about our Loving God
10. Give thanks for all the faithful blood donors and for those that will be receiving this life saving gift.
11. Thank God for the beautiful Fall weather we experience in Minnesota. Even when it rains
12. Pray for blessings on the women of Dorcas and bless the work they do
13. Another Friday to be thankful for. Another week was given to us and the weekend to relax
14. Pray for the evening worship services at Peace and for the dedicated members that attend
15. Pray for the education and salvation of all our Sunday School students, adults and children
16. Give thanks for Pastor Lemke and the care and attention he shares with our shut in members
17. Pray for the safety of the Drivers that care enough to take classes to improve their driving skills
18. Pray for the Parish Health Ministry and direct them in the services that they do
19. Pray for the trustees as they take such loving care of our buildings that allow us to worship and serve here at Peace
20. Pray for those that serve and receive the meal for the Matthew 14:16 meal that they may be blessed
21. Pray for the newly married couples as they begin their lives together with God as their center
22. Pray for those who have been married for years and help them rekindle the original love they had for each other
23. Pray for those that have lost their marriage partner that they may be thankful for the good years they had together
24. Pray for those that were never married that they feel fulfillment in you
25. Pray for the noon lunch/Bible study people that they receive food for their bodies and souls
26. Pray for college and tech school students as they may feel a little homesick, and maybes give them a call or note
27. Pray for the workers and the recipients of the blessings provided by Bethesda Thrift Shop
28. Pray for those that attended the Senior Expo as we remember that it started at Peace as an outreach to those in the Hutchinson and Mcleod county area
29. Pray for our Vision Team as they work to lead us to our future here at Peace
30. Give thanks for another month of blessings from our Heavenly Father



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## Peace Lutheran Church \* Mission and Ministry Minutes \* July 16, 2019

**Present:** Lee Uldbjerg, Kim Borka, Chuck Jones, Cindy Mons, Troy Puckett, Barb Otte, Pastor Pasche, Jeff Weckwerth, Heidi Siskmann, Nick Brellenthin, Coleen Dostal

**Call to Order:** Nick

**Devotions:** Pastor Pasche-Lutheran Hour Devotion, Romans Ch. 12. Pastor told us the story Dr. Hoffman had told, about 2 young soldiers from opposites sides that had met during WWI.

**Touching lives:** Kim told us about a relative that passed away from kidney disease, and that Jill, her sister-in-law had donated a kidney and got to meet the person she donated to, who was so grateful to receive it. God hears our prayers. Pastor Pasche also shared a touching lives about friendships growing at our Church garage sale. Heidi told us about a young man who went to a church, who was a stranger and no one noticed him, but his faith grew and he is now a pastor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Troy made the Motion, Cindy 2<sup>nd</sup> it, Motion carried. Minutes from June 2019 are approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Troy put his report up on the screen and highlighted. Troy explained we were a little down in giving in June, but expenses were down a bit too. YTD we are 3% behind on offering, 2% down on expenses.

Building Fund/ Mortgage Budget looking good. The garage sale brought in \$6000. Chuck made the Motion, Heidi 2<sup>nd</sup> it, Motion carried. Treasure's report for June was approved.

**Minister of Operations:** Paul is on vacation.

**Nick-** Great to have our Steering Committee. People in church are very excited about how it's going. As a council, and Children of God, it's in our hearts to support the decisions the congregation has made. I can see the Vision, what this RX can accomplish and for us serving in council, the Lord has put us here.

**Discussion:** Chuck brought up that we want to be sure to follow the policies in the handbook. Nick talked about council's desire to have good communication and input from the congregation. Pastor expressed his heartfelt desire to work with Dr. Johnson's Rx for our congregation, to reach out to the community and so much more.

More discussion followed, Troy explained the purpose of the Voter's Meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> is to: 1) approve the facilitator and 2) approve the expenses.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Pasche talked about The Youth Gathering, the theme is: A Real and Present God. Our God is very real, His strength and forgiveness are very real. He talked about the process of the Steering committee, and that the congregation had approved it by a 91.5% vote, which is wonderful. There will be future Voter's meetings to approve expenses and update congregation as we move forward.

**Nick:** This is a growing and learning process. My job, (and my life focus) is to serve and make disciples, to reach out to people/kids. It has changed my heart. I love this church. I love Jesus. God will open the flood gates, when we work for His Will.

**Pastor:** This Rx is a God send- blessing to us. The Steering Committee took into consideration that all generations would be represented. The Vision Team will be announced at July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Coleen made a Motion to adjourn meeting, Kim 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion, Motion carried. Meeting is adjourned, 8:35pm  
Pastor Pasche closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Coleen Dostal, Mission and Ministry Secretary

Next Meeting, Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 7pm

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## Peace Lutheran Church \* Special Voter's Meeting \* Sunday, July 28, 2019

Call to Order: Nick Brellenthin, President Mission and Ministry Council

Welcome and Prayer: Pastor Pasche

Pastor Pasche explained the first Prescription for Peace is VISION, the foundation of PLC mission effort that answers the question, "God, who do You say we are?" Dr. Phil Johnson has helped guide PLC in the first step of Prescription #1, set up the Steering Committee and met with them several times in the last few weeks. Your Steering committee is Les Young, John Kalenberg, Brad Wick, Dick Higgins, Lynn Brown, Shirley Wurdell, Pastor Pasche, and Paul Berg.

The Steering committee has been working to set up the Vision Team and has reviewed all the names submitted, Pastor Pasche listed those who have accepted. The goal is to have an intergenerational team.

**Nick** explained: Communication is a key part to help understand what's been going on and what's been accomplished. 141 Voting Members were at the March 31<sup>st</sup>, Voter's Meeting. The Congregation approved the Motion to go ahead with the Prescriptions by a 91.5% vote.

**Shirley Wurdell** gave an update from the Steering Committee. They have considered the 3 recommendations for facilitator and decided on Rev. Mark Frith. (Mission and Ministry has approved their choice). Weekly updates can be found in the Weekly Bulletin, The Messenger and on the website.

**John Kalenberg** spoke of "the Trends" at Peace, specifically the decline in worship attendance over the last 10 years. Average weekly attendance in 2008 was: 564, with total membership of 2653. Average weekly attendance in 2018: 430, with total membership of 2681, with the greatest decline in members under the age of 29. "This shows the need for us to renew our Vision and consider, are we doing the work of Jesus Christ?"

John explained the need for a Facilitator is like going fishing, without knowing where to go, what bait, how to fish- without a guide, we aren't as successful. The facilitator is our guide to reach our mission. Matt 4:19. And He said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.

The Vision Path Facilitator fee is \$1500. John opened up the meeting for questions.

**Nick** – Thank you for all the effort and time the Steering Committee has put in. I believe this process will be monumental. The Mission and Ministry Treasurer, Troy Puckett, has opened a dedicated funds account due to 2 very generous donations of \$5000 each, which we are very grateful for. See Troy or mark your gift for "the Prescriptions" if you would like to add to it.

**Shirley Wurdell has made the Motion to go ahead with the Facilitator and \$1500 fee to continue this process, Troy has 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion.** Discussion followed. Nick reminded us that Dr. Johnson had said that each step in this process will have costs, the costs are not yet determined due to the choices the congregation makes to implement. Dr. Johnson expressed this is about effective mission work in our community and our cogregation and not the expense. There will be future Special Voter's Meetings called to continue moving this process forward and for approval of the congregation. More Discussion followed. Also, a request was made for a planned timeline for all of the Prescription process. This will be printed.

Vote was taken by a show of hands. **Motion was passed unanimous.**

Meeting was adjourned. Pastor Pasche closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Coleen Dostal, Mission and Ministry Secretary

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