

Peace Notes

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Pastor's Note

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with **ENDURANCE** the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him **ENDURED** the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who **ENDURED** from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted"

Hebrews 11:1-3

Our two high school youth who attended the National Youth Gathering have just returned from New Orleans after being with 20,000 other Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod youth. The theme for the entire convention was **CHRISTIAN ENDURANCE**. The first primary objective is to have both the youth and the adult chaperones endure faithfully in their walk with Christ no matter what they encounter- whether bad or good times in life. The second objective is that they would cling to and share the good news of God's faithfulness in Christ who

endured for us and whose faithfulness endures forever. Stay on course. Keep going. Carry on despite whatever life throws at us, good or bad because we can depend and bank on the trustworthy love of God in Christ Jesus who endured everything in order to save us and give us life in Him, both now and forever. What a joy it is to Endure in Jesus, Endure as a People of God and to Endure to the End.

On August 10th at 9AM, please join us as we will be having a special worship service that captures the heart of the NYG in New Orleans, lifts us up, and encourages us too to endure in Jesus, with each other, and to the end when finally we see Jesus face to face.

Pastor Kruse



A Note from the Ministry Council Chair

It is an honor to serve as Chair of the Ministry Council. Since many of you may not know me, it was suggested I change that with an introduction!

My husband, Angel, and I will celebrate 20 years of marriage this November. We retired from full-time managerial roles in January 2021—mine in higher education, his in manufacturing—and have lived in Waukesha for 12 years. Pilates and reading are my main hobbies, but I sought something more to keep my mind engaged after “retirement”. Since February 2021, I’ve worked part-time with a small group of Thrivent financial advisors, holding life and health insurance licenses and the title of licensed office professional.

My daughter, Courtney Korselt, from a previous marriage, along with her husband Anthony, have been members of Peace for about 18 years. Many of you likely know them and my three grandchildren Oliver, Henry, and Elsie—who are active in the church.

My connection to Peace began with attending services and events with my grandchildren and volunteering at Little Lambs Academy.

Courtney encouraged me to officially join the church, and after becoming a member in 2014, I served on the Advisory Board of Little Lambs Academy during Joanne Webb’s tenure as director. Since then, I’ve taken on various roles, including Secretary of the Ministry Council for two years and co-chair of the Call Committee (with Courtney coincidentally) that led to Pastor Kruse’s appointment.

As Chair, my goals are to serve the Lord, Pastor Kruse, and our congregation by supporting spiritual growth, maintaining financial stability, and fostering continued membership. The warmth and care of this community have been a blessing to both Angel and me. I look forward to deepening connections and continuing to Care, Connect, and Celebrate with you all.

Carol Fontanez

Even The Weeds have Purple Flowers

Finding the blessing in adversity

When I suffered a concussion from a work-related injury, I thought for sure the LORD was done with me. I had lost my way and hope seemed a far grasp away. As usual, God came through with perfect timing. He showed me that sometimes we go through things to remind us of what is most important. To think less of acquiring things and more about establishing real relationships with the people who mean the most to us. Primarily my faith and family became a priority over “career advancement”.

When I started to look at my life PC “Pre Concussion” I saw how my priorities had gotten out of whack. I became a “people-pleaser” instead of looking at God’s plan and his will for my life and purpose. I needed to recalibrate my GPS (God Positioning System) in my life.

As I started to heal physically, I listened to God’s still small voice, his indwelling Spirit within me and what his intentions for my future were. What he has started in my life, he is willing to finish, if I cooperate with his plans. I need to intentionally pay attention and follow his guidance, listen more, and speak less. Get back in rhythm with his steps, let his Spirit guide my thoughts and focus. he will provide what I need when I need it and the people to help when I need them, as well.

I must not run ahead, instead allow Him to stand side by side with me on this journey of my life. He’s still writing my story (and yours, too). He will not allow things to get so bad he cannot lift me out of. Sometimes stuff happens for reasons beyond our comprehension. Yet it’s not beyond God’s knowledge or sight. He sees around corners we cannot. He knows our future and it’s a future beyond what we can think or imagine. God is a good, good Father and He knows what’s best for us.

So next time you find yourself in circumstances beyond your control, asking “Why, God, why?” Ask Him to show you the purple flowers he’s given you in the weeds. He holds the watering can to grow those flowers in your rough valley, trust him and he will lead you to your forever home with him. Your mansion awaits.

Lisa Sue Colloton (Groth)

August Birthdays & Anniversaries



Scott & Jill Paque
August 2, 2008

Wayne & Paula Whittow
August 4, 1962

James & Carrie Peterson
August 19, 2000

Jerry & Dawn Anderson
August 20, 1977

Terry & Sheila Ambelang
August 21, 1965

Dan & Mona Vasholz
August 21, 1976

Brian & Laurie McArthur
August 27, 1988

Bob & Nancy Davey
August 28, 1965



Benjamin Aranda Isabelle Kenyon	August 2
Mark Boesel Gabriella Pitcel	August 3
Ned Hovie	August 4
Stu Fish	August 8
Steve Kohrs	August 11
Cindy Javins Darcy Luling Alex Paulus	August 12
Henry Korselt Laurie McArthur	August 13
Doug Hubert Sharon Kenyon Wayne Whittow	August 16
Linda Duchow Tom Halverson Jill Hubert	August 19
Grace Henson John Regetz	August 21
Dawn Anderson Art Slottke	August 24
Jamie Peterson	August 25
Carol Fontanez Amber Kenyon	August 28
Mike Miller	August 29