

Peace Notes

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Past-or Present



Summer Worship Begins June 3

Sunday – 8:15 am – Adult Bible Study
 9:00 am – Coffee Sip
 9:30 am – Worship
Monday – 6:30 pm – Worship

By now many of you have had the opportunity to meet Percy, the Michel's family dog who is also a trained and certified therapy dog. Through his extensive training as a therapy dog, Percy is able to remain calm in many stressful situations. Even then we still observe that he is visibly stressed by one particular occurrence: *thunderstorms*. When he hears the thunder, Percy becomes visibly tense and searches for an extra measure of security.

Percy's refuge during thunderstorms often becomes the space behind one of the chairs in our living room. Even though he normally spends no time there, when the thunder begins to rumble Percy finds the furniture and ducks himself behind it. There he is calm and feels safe and secure.

Where do we go in times of stress in our lives? Listen to the Apostle Paul. In spite of opposition, persecution, afflictions, and much stress he was able to write his young understudy Timothy: “I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.” (2 Timothy 1:12). And he encouraged Timothy: “Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.” (2 Timothy 1:13).

Note the pronoun in Paul’s words. He does not say, “I know what I have believed,” but “I know whom I have believed.” The supreme object of Paul’s faith was Jesus Christ! He entrusted his life to the Good Shepherd, whom he knew and loved as the One who “laid down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). He could say with the confidence of David, “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want” (Psalm 23:1). He knew the Shepherd’s promise that His sheep “will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.” (John 10:28).

We can be calm and confident in the midst of calamities and troubles! We can entrust ourselves to the Lord who said, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.” (Isaiah 43:1). And so, in every circumstance, we may rejoice with Paul: “I know whom I have believed!”

Behind that pronoun stands the power, the love, and the mercy of Him who has promised to see us through whatever life may hold in store for us. Behind that pronoun stands Almighty God Himself, “with WHOM nothing is impossible.” He has pledged Himself to be with us all the way. You can’t find a greater Source of security than that!

Peace and joy in Christ,



Pastor

Galatians 2:20



News from Our President

As our fiscal year comes to a close there are some important tasks that the Ministry Council must complete. The first of these being the creation of a new budget for next year.

The budgeting process consists of several steps; the first is staff reviewing our current budget line item by line item and estimating how much each may increase or decrease next year. Next we will have to estimate what gifts will be shared by the members of our congregation for the Lords work. This estimate is forecasted based on historical giving patterns.

Then comes the exciting part, comparing our anticipated needs with our anticipated gifts. Depending on the gap we may have to go back and make some decisions on changes to the budget.

I ask that everyone please pray for the Lords guidance in this process, both for the folks directly involved in creating the budget and for all members as we contemplate what our gifts to the Lords work will be this coming year.

The transition to a new year is also an excellent time to review the past year with staff and set goals for next year. Pastor Michel is in the process of completing annual reviews with all staff members and a sub group of 3 MC members has completed an annual review with Pastor Michel.

Another task that must be addressed is that some members of the MC will be completing their

terms. This provides a great opportunity for others to serve. Tom Hetrick our VP is leading a committee to create a slate of candidates to be voted on at the June voters meeting.

After a long winter the weather is finally turning warmer and we are at the beginning a new beautiful Wisconsin summer. For most of us this is something we all get excited about and look forward to, but for some older citizens in our community that enjoy the comforts of living in their own homes summer yard work can provide an insurmountable challenge.

This month I would like to recognize Bill and Donna Eurick, longtime members of Peace that together fulfill a private ministry of helping out some senior folks in the area with their lawn and yard care needs making it easier for them to remain in their own homes. And if that activity wasn't enough to keep them busy they also make time to help at church with Altar Guild and making sure our musical instruments have water to keep them at the proper humidity levels (you may have wondered why you sometimes see Bill walking in church carrying gallon jugs of water.) Thank you Bill and Donna for all you do.

Peace and Blessing,

Jim Dumke

2018-2020 LWML English District Mission Grants

When you fill your mite boxes during the next two years, keep in mind that thousands of other LCMS women and their church families are doing the same thing. Together, those small coin donations can help spread the Gospel message through LWML Mission Grants at the local, district and national levels.



At the English District level, delegates voted to fund seven mission grants totaling \$18,000 that will be supported by your mite box donations during the next two years. Thank you in advance

for your devotion to this ministry! The missions selected include:

- **Liberty Line Rural Transportation Ministry** (Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lakeview, MI) — \$3,000 to provide transportation to needy residents for medical appointments and other daily needs and to share the hope of the Gospel, wherever the Holy Spirit leads
- **Operation Barnabas for Comfort Dog Congregations** (LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces, St. Louis, MO) — \$2,055 to teach congregations with Comfort Dogs how to provide witness and mercy to veterans and their families
- **Boldly Declaring Y'shua as Messiah in Israel** (St. Louis, MO) — \$3,000 to train missionaries who will bring the Gospel to the Jewish people through The Apple of His Eye Mission Society
- **Positive Options Lakeshore Pregnancy Center** (Allegan, MI) — \$2,000 to help fund the Center and the critical work of sharing God's love and serving the needs of those with unplanned pregnancies in need of counseling
- **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank** (St. Louis, MO) — \$3,000 to literally put food on the table for seminarians and their families who struggle because they are stretched financially with expenses related to training as future pastors, deaconesses and missionaries
- **Family of God Reading Lab** (Family of God Lutheran Church, Detroit, MI) — \$2,000 to enable and equip a Bible literacy lab to minister to the poor and disadvantaged of Southwest Detroit
- **From Cradle to College—Lutheran Books for Immigrant Children & Campus Ministries** (Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Macomb, MI) — \$2,945 to provide good Lutheran books for churches and campus ministries to share the Gospel with immigrant families and students from around the world.



Andrew's Notes

It has been an exciting year for me here at Peace! So much ministry has been done, I've grown and learned a lot. I haven't done everything right, but I am glad that Jesus still works through imperfect people such as me. Something the youth lovingly like to remind me of.

This year we have been unable to schedule our traditional summer trip. However in its place I have been able to schedule a variety of day trip service opportunities for our youth and families including: Planting at Mt. Calvary Lutheran's community farm, Serving at Hunger Task force Farm, Serving by sorting Hunger Task Force food and Senior Home board game day. While nothing can replace the time spent together in close quarters for a week of serving, this is a close second! These are awesome opportunities and I am excited to serve here in our home town.

We have done Bible studies covering: Exodus, Hard topics (including Homosexuality, Creation and evolution and why does God let bad things happen) through the book *Can I Ask That* by Fuller Youth Institute, how to study the Bible, and many others.

Working this year with our new Sunday School directors Amy Borchardt and Amy Sholty has been great. They are truly a joy to work with and are doing an awesome job (as all of our past directors have!) of serving our kids and families here at Peace.

We celebrate the hard work of our Sunday school teachers as well! Many of them have been serving in this role for many years! (Some since I would have been in junior high!) And we are

also searching for new Sunday school teachers to join with us in showing Christ to Children. I wonder if that's you...hmmmmmm.

I am working on Vacation Bible School plans with the help of an awesome crew that is helping me learn the ropes on my first go around as VBS director

And finally I am searching for adults to help me lead our youth. The more I am in youth ministry the more I realize and value the importance of the phrase "it takes a village." I only have one set of eyes, and one set of experiences and the more adults we can get pouring into our youth with all of their experiences I believe the youth will be better for it.

I am so glad to be here with you all in the frozen northern lands of Wisconsin (snow in April is not my favorite). Thank you for all of your love and prayers as I come up on my fourth anniversary here. I cannot wait for the next one!

Andrew Cordy

A Report From the Field

By Mike Paddock, PE, PS

It has been a joy worshipping with you these last two months as I have helped my wife, Cathy, during her recovery from surgery and cancer. I knew I had missed the Peace Family, but I did not fully realize how important it is to one's spiritual health.

It reminded me of a bridge project near El Estor, Guatemala. I was made aware of the project from a local priest, Father John, who visited this remote community six times a year. He knew his congregation well and saw how they suffered during the rainy season with limited access to schools, clinics and markets. During his visits, the communities "went all out" to celebrate his arrival and were blessed being led by a professional spiritual leader – a real treat! The problem was that 2-3 times a year, he was unable to make the trip due to a river that had swelled making it impossible to cross.

As I visited the bridge site the first time, I was impressed with Father John's dedication. It was a full five-mile walk from the nearest road – the same distance from Peace to Waukesha or Hales Corners! As we walked along the four-hour trail, we kept coming to streams that I thought were the bridge site – only to be informed, “we can wade or swim this river. Ahead is where we really need a bridge.” So, we would take off our boots and pants and wade the waist deep water and continue our journey. As we finally got to the site, I could see that the community had tried to make a bridge out of four cables made from five stands of barbed wire each. Of course, barbed wire is not made of the correct metal to make a cable, so it had quickly failed. They had done the best they could, but they needed some help.

The five-mile distance to transport materials was daunting. Yes, we could use the local trees for the wood, and the river would yield stones, sand and gravel after the community gathered, washed and screened the material – but we still need to haul hundreds of sacks of cement which weighed nearly 100 pounds each to the site. Since the community only had one mule, we searched for a mule train that we could rent to help with the transportation. After several months of searching, Father John called me and let me know that the search was over. The community members had moved the cement on their backs down the trail by themselves! Can you imagine carrying a 100-pound sack of cement to Waukesha? My, how they wanted that bridge!

Several months later, we celebrated the opening of the bridge. Father John gave his sermon from the bridge itself while his congregation sat on the bank of the river listening intently. What joy was felt that day knowing that they now had access to markets, schools, health care, and the church.

It reminded me what a blessing we have at Peace. Yes, many talk to me about how “spoiled we are” having access to markets, schools and health care – but we sometimes forget how “spoiled we are” having nearly unlimited access to the church and Pastor. So, these last months

have reminded me to give thanks to God for the opportunity to worship with my Family at Peace. I for one, will no longer take all of you for granted.

Mike Paddock

Women Connected in Prayer



A Direct Line to God

O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.

Psalm 54:2

Don't you find it awesome that our prayers, no matter how ineloquent they may be, reach the ear of the almighty God? Also amazing is the fact that our great and loving Father always answers.

God wants us to come to Him with the needs and desires of our heart. While we may not know God's specific will for all that we ask, He is always ready to listen.

... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God (Philippians 4:6).

At Peace we have a prayer partnership ministry, where women are partnered with one another to share their prayer requests in confidence and pray for each other. We always welcome you to this ministry; you can join at any time. If you would like to have a prayer partner, fill out an Information Card and envelope (located on the bulletin board near the coatroom). Write your name on the outside of the envelope and place it in the *Women Connected in Prayer* mailbox. You will soon be contacted with the name of your prayer partner.

Questions? Contact Sue Getzel (414-573-4776; susangetzel@gmail.com)

Let's Go to the Theatre

Join us on Thursday, June 28, as we travel to the Fireside Theatre for lunch and the play "A Second Helping – The Church Basement Ladies Sequel". Enjoy the antics of the faithful Church Basement Ladies as they serve the Lord and their church community during the turbulent year 1969.

We'll carpool from Peace, leaving at 9:30 for the 11:15 lunch and 1:30 show; returning to Peace around 4:30. The cost for this delightful afternoon is \$82.24, payable to Melody Erblich.

You must sign up at the Info Desk by June 12, so tickets can be ordered on the 13. See Melody Erblich with any questions.

Melody Erblich



Happy Birthday

Mary Boesel	
Kim Roberson	June 2
Jean Christian	June 3
Brian McArthur	June 4
Jason Mansfield Jr	
Kieran Plautz	
Audrey Werther	June 5
Paul Eggold	June 12
Mark Gerke	June 13
Bob Nelson	June 16
Rebekah Michel	
Lea Muehlbauer	
Sarah Nievinski	June 17
Sarah Barg	
Dolores McArthur	June 18

Matthew Paulus	June 19
Jason Mansfield	June 20
Brett Gundersen	June 21
Nolan Fehrenbacher	
Harper Paque	
Quinn Paque	June 22
Donald Dzieminski	
Aaron Handlos	June 27
Jerry Klose	
Charlie Maris Sr	June 29
Abigail Boesel	
Jack Hunter	
Delaine Nelson	June 30

A Flash of Perspective

If summer storms make you or a loved one nervous, the perspective one mom offered her young son might help.

Though lightning can be harmful, God created it for good: The powerful electricity converts unusable nitrogen to nitrate, which plants need for growth and human bodies use to produce proteins.

The boy was still uncertain, so Mom continued. "Did you know there's lightning in heaven?" (See the description of John's vision in Revelation 4:5.)

"And nothing in heaven can hurt," said the boy, catching on.

Mom added, "Plus, lightning reminds me that Jesus is coming. Matthew (24:27, NIV) says, 'As lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.'"

This summer, as lightning brightens the sky, reassure yourself — or a child — of lightning's purpose and wonder.

—Based on "I'm Afraid of Thunder and Lightning," *Family Time Story Devotions*



Who's Hosting Coffee Sip?

Those serving coffee sip for the month of June are listed below. Thank you all for your assistance in this fellowship function.

June 3, 2018

Coleman, Delores	414-425-5510
Cordy, Andrew	713-578-0507
Crom, Mark	414-731-2249
Cushman, Adam & Amy	262-332-1354
Davey, Bob & Nancy	262-751-7392
Dejno, Todd & Jennifer	414-217-1167
Disseler, Julie	817-421-6544
Dolezar, Mark & Laura	414-587-1191
Dumke, Jim & Jeannie	262-442-6050
Dzieminski, Donald & Susan	262-679-7651
Eberhardy, Tom & Chris	262-679-2908
Eggold, Paul & Sue	414-421-8988

June 10, 2018

Engelhardt, Richard	262-679-2395
Erblich, Bill & Melody	414-422-1210
Eurick, Bill & Donna	262-662-3486
Fehrenbacher, Tim & Lynne	262-524-0294
Fontanez, Carol	262-993-4554
Frank, Dan & Lea Ann	414-529-1368
Fredlund, Craig & Wendy	262-971-1547
Fulcer, Bill & Christine	262-488-0538
Gerke, Mark & Lynette	414-529-0207
Gersonde, Elizabeth	414-258-1749
Getzel, Buzz & Sue	262-679-0476
Glysch, Craig & Mara	414-235-3783

June 17, 2018

Gridley, Scott & Linda	262-797-6163
Groth, Lisa	414-254-7737
Guise, Eleanor	262-679-2911
Gundersen, Griff & Sherry	414-217-7730
Haen, Linda	262-495-2150
Halverson, Tom	414-915-3155
Handlos, Brian & Sarah	262-424-4932
Hansen, Lloyd & Beverly	414-235-9727
Hart, Steve & Pam	414-529-7568
Hetrick, Tom & Carole	262-679-4716
Hockett, Jake & Jennifer	262-751-7742
Hoepfner, John & Debbie	262-786-0488

June 24, 2018

Hubbard, Dianne	414-425-1758
Hubert, Doug & Jill	262-707-7516
Hutter, Rob & Amy	262-993-5217
Isaksen, Roy	262-679-7671
Jaeger, Sharon	414-526-2306
Jakubowski, Phillip & Kim	262-679-2352
Javens, Cindy & Jeff	262-679-3686
Kaschak, Matt	414-234-0719
Kleinhans, Eric & Patty	920-246-8203
Klepatz, Paul & Lani	414-425-6858
Klose, Jerry & Robin	262-679-0430
Korselt, Anthony & Courtney	262-436-0053

The highlighted names will be the leader for the respective Sundays. If you have any questions, please contact Lynette Gerke 414-529-0207 or mdglag@yahoo.com. Thank you,
Lynette Gerke

