

Peace Notes

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From Pastor Kruse's Pen

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock"

(Matthew 7:24-25).

Be a wise builder! As a Christian, our foundation is Christ crucified and risen. The Word of God is the sole authority, rule and guide for our life. If we desire to have a healthy relationship with our Triune God, it is vital that we "BE" in His presence. That we "BE" in a relationship with Him.

Peace's 'Being' Challenge starts on Sunday, September 7 with an introduction week. September 14 is our big Peace kick-off/picnic weekend.

As Rev. Zach Zender says, "This series is going back to the basics to challenge you to grow in your relationship with God by being like Jesus and practicing the keystone habits that Jesus practiced in His life."

Together, let's "Commit to Community; Study Scripture; Prioritize Prayer; Seek Solitude; and Choose Church."

Pastor Kruse

BEING

CHALLENGE

Council News

Greetings! It's been an eventful few weeks for so many due to the heavy rains and resulting damage. As you know we had water in the church basement, and this has impacted Little Lambs Academy. By the time you read this, we're praying LLA is up and running as normal.

It took a team effort to do all the cleanup and restoration work, and when help was needed, our Peace staff and members answered the call with enthusiasm, grace and positive attitudes. The quick work by our 20+ volunteers the afternoon of August 10 and the rapid response of our professionals made a tremendous difference in how quickly we are rebounding from this.

There are so many people to thank. Please know that you are ALL greatly appreciated. Peace is also blessed to be in a strong financial position to weather this storm, and that is one more thing to be grateful for. God is good!

We look forward to the upcoming school year with joyful anticipation. We have Rally Sunday and the church picnic on September 14, and we begin taking the next step in our Red Letter challenge journey with the upcoming "Being" book study. We're looking at a date in later September for a Fall Ministry Fair, so please watch for more information to come on that.

If there is one thing this recent flood has reminded me of, it is the power that a committed and caring group of Christ-centered people have that makes a positive difference in the world. Peace is comprised of just those kinds of people. We are blessed!

Let's continue to pray for those who were affected by the recent flooding. It has been and continues to be an ordeal for many to restore their homes and businesses.

Blessings to all,

Carol Fontanez

Ysleta Lutheran Mission Trip

We now have 9 people signed up for our next mission trip to YLM scheduled for November 8 – 15. It is not too late for you to join us! We would love to have a few more friends join us on this trip.

We have been making this trip since 2004 and have always had a wonderful experience. YLM is based in El Paso, Texas and that is where our lodging is and where we eat breakfast and dinner. During the day, we use the mission's big passenger vans to cross over the border to the building site, which is typically on the outskirts of Juarez, Mexico. And then we build a simple yet very appreciated 12 ft by 24 ft home for a family in need. You do not need to have construction experience to participate, just a willingness to learn and a servant's heart. We will have a YLM foreman to help us and Scott is a very patient teacher.

The cost of the trip is \$700 plus the cost of air fare (TBD). The \$700 covers your lodging in the YLM dorm, food and ground transportation for the week. We have raised the \$5000 needed for the building supplies from the congregation.

If you have never been on a trip like this before, you may have a lot of questions and even a little anxiety. I would encourage you to talk to one of last year's participants (Greg & Sara Shuler, Mark & Darcy Luling, Tom Roberson, Bill Fulcer, Scott Paque, Art & Marilyn Thompson and Eric Thompson) and find out what it is really like. The media can make the border sound like a scary place, but that is far from our experience.

I hope you will consider joining us this year. I can guarantee that you will be blessed through this experience. Please pray about it and see if God is leading you to join us! For more information, please contact Marilyn Thompson, mthompson1234t@gmail.com or 414-870-6461. Thanks!

Local Flood Relief

On Saturday August 9 parts of southeast Wisconsin were hit with record rainfalls in a 24-hour period. You have all seen the videos on TV of rivers and creeks pouring over their banks and of the damage it has done to roads, cars and homes. Even our own church sustained flood damage. Thanks to our generous congregation who graciously give their offerings each week, we will be able to restore our own basement, but some of our neighbors are struggling.

You may not be aware of Journeys Lutheran School. It used to be called Lutheran Special School & Education Services. They are located in the old Hales Corners Lutheran School building, what was called the Grange campus. Their mission statement says it all. Centered in Christ, Journeys Lutheran School prepares students with unique learning challenges to maximize their God given spiritual, academic, emotional, physical and social potential. They are the only Lutheran school for special needs children and it would be a shame to lose it. Well, the school sustained a lot of flood damage. Potentially over a million dollars of damage! So, we would like to help them out as much as we can.

We would also like to reach out to some of our closet neighbors who have had damage to their homes and may not have insurance to cover the damages. We will not be able to provide a fix, but we are hoping to be able to extend gift cards to them inside encouraging cards that will help them know that we are thinking of them and praying for them in their time of need.

If you would like to help us to be able to bless the Journeys Lutheran School and some of our nearest neighbors, you can use the envelope on the information desk marked Local Flood Relief and donate what you can. Please make your checks out to Peace Lutheran and place your envelope in the offering basket. Thanks for helping us love our neighbors!

Marilyn Thompson

Loving Hands Quilters

In July, The Loving Hands Quilters hosted a 'Sew Together Day' for anyone interested in helping sew quilt blocks together.

Eight people attended using six sewing machines and two ironing stations. Nine quilt tops were sewn together using approximately 330 blocks. The quilt blocks had been sewn by quilt club members including Barb Neidert and her friends at Heritage Senior Living Facility.

The quilt blocks used for this project are called strip quilt blocks. Each block uses strips of fabric sewn on the diagonal of a square block. The strips can be any color, pattern or width and it is a great way to use up leftover pieces of fabric.

When these quilt tops are layered, quilted, bound and labeled (so that patients know where the quilts are from), they will be donated to the Froedtert Hospital quilt bank.

NOTE: The Quilters are in need of a stable ironing board in really good condition if anyone would like donate one.

"Love is the thread that binds us." according to American Patchwork & Quilting

Vickie Schmidt

Spiritual Care Ministry

Spiritual Care Ministers role is to care for individuals in the congregation.

- The Ministers are responsible for communicating with all members, but especially those who have drifted away.
- They are to monitor and encourage regular member attendance at Divine Services and Holy Communion.
- The Spiritual Care Ministers should be alert to any special needs or events in the

lives of members and their families and develop strategies to serve these members.

- They are to provide updates to the membership roles relative to phone, email, and address changes as well as transfers to other churches.

This is per our adopted church constitution.

Our Spiritual Care Ministers are Sheila Ambelang, Suzi Banks, Gretchen Barg, Linda (& Gil) Duchow, Sue Eggold, Melody Erblich, Jill Hubert, Debbie Packard, Kim Roberson, Marilyn Thompson and Sherri Weiss. Soon you'll receive a letter from your Spiritual Care Minister.

Please know that you can contact us with any concern you have regarding changes within your family and worshipping at Peace. These conversations are confidential; and we will ask your permission to share with Pastor or Love and Care. We are a listening ear, a shoulder to share your burden and a smile to encourage you on your Christian journey.

We may reach out to you when an event or special Sunday is happening and invite you to share in the fellowship.

We look forward to partnering with you as together we grow Spiritually as a Peace family

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Melody Erblich

Little Lambs Academy

We are so excited to welcome children back to school! Our 3K, 4K and 2T (toddler with caregiver) classes begin the first week of September, and our childcare classrooms are busy and full of fun, learning and love!

We ended our Summer Camp program the last week of July and our team had a wonderful staff development day in early August, complete with some "Mandatory Fun" with Pastor Kruse! We were just freshly cleaned and getting ready to reopen after our annual August "Cleaning Week," when God had some other plans for all of us. As many of you know, the basement here at Peace took on some water during the August 9 storm and we had significant flooding. Thankfully for so many here at Peace, an army of volunteers came to move EVERYTHING from the basement to the gym and we began the process of drying out and cleaning everything. We are so thankful for all of your help, support and prayers as we begin our year extra clean and ready to go!

Our 3K kiddos will spend September getting to know each other and learning our colors. We'll learn to line up, sit with "pretzel legs" on the rug and practice sharing and taking turns. In Jesus Time, we'll learn that God made the world and learn about Noah and the Flood.

The 4K children will learn routines, practice listening and writing, and learn all about the Human Body. Towards the end of the month, they will hold the Preschool Olympics. This reinforces all of what they have learned about how God made their amazing bodies work!

The 2-year-olds will come to school for a short class period with their parent or other caregiver. They will learn all about how God created the world and make a special book about Creation. The children will practice all the things that the big kids do - playtime, art, story time, snack and music and movement time.

We do have limited space available in our 4K and 2T classes, so please contact our Preschool Directors, Ms. Sara and Mrs. Lehmann at preschool@peacelutheran.org, if you know someone looking for a Christ-filled, academically strong early learning experience

*Stacy Abraham
3K and 4K Teacher*

September Birthdays

Leah Allerheiligen	September 2
Gretchen Barg	
Julie Morrell	September 3
Jacob Borda	
Lindsay Paulus	
Bridget Stachewicz	September 6
Anthony Korselt	September 8
Anna Kohrs	September 9
Analeis Plagge	
Greg Shuler	September 10
Tom Loppnow	September 12
Jake Hockett	
Bobby LaFond	September 15
Rici Welden	September 16
George Halverson	September 18
Beverly Springer	
Marilyn Thompson	September 24
Jill Roberson	September 25
Amy Borchardt	September 28
Amanda Gnirk	September 29
Carole Hetrick	September 30

Bible Quiz

Jesus illustrated the future coming of the Son of Man and his kingdom: "When the _____ tree sprouts leaves, he said, you know that _____ is near; when various cosmic signs take place, you'll know the Son of Man and the kingdom of God are near."

Choose the correct pair of words to fill in the two blanks.

- A. pine; winter
- B. beech; spring
- C. fig; summer
- D. olive; autumn



Answer: See Luke 21:29-31

Happy Anniversary to

Dan & Lynn Kritter
September 1, 1990
Jon & Sara Pitcel
September 2, 2000
Mike & Pam Besch
September 5, 1970
Art & Marilyn Thompson
September 8, 1984
Greg & Sue Zuchowski
September 11, 2020
Jake & Jennifer Hockett
September 12, 2009
David & Rachel Chapin
September 18, 1993
Gary & Gretchen Barg
September 19, 1964
Matt & Lori Paulus
September 20, 1997
Art & Sue Slottke
September 25, 1971