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For many people, relaxing by a campfire is a favorite summer activity. Nestling into the surrounding darkness while gazing into dancing flames, we sense God's love and let the day's chaos go. In contrast, Exodus 24:17 describes, "Now the appearance of the glory of God was like a devouring fire."

Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes offers another take, writing about God using flames to change us. (The full poem is here: unfoldinglight.net/2025/02/24/fire)

God, your presence is like a consuming fire —
not destructive, but transformative,
not the fire of anger but the flame of love,
the fire of glassblowers and bakers
the grace to make us more beautiful, strong and useful.
Your glory is no tame campfire
where we sit and make s'mores.
It burns out of our control.
The furnace of your love
roars about our hearts, remaking us
Teach us to be unafraid. ...
When you bask in firelight glow —
and maybe eat some s'mores! —
ponder how God is transforming
you with love, and for the sake of love.



WEEDING & WATERING WEDNESDAYS

We gather to care for our beautiful church grounds and to enjoy fellowship. Come at 9:00 or any time it works for you. There's always a weed to pull or a spot that needs attention. If you have any bedding plants (flowers or veggies) we can use them! Please bring gardening tools if you have them.

Thanks for your help!

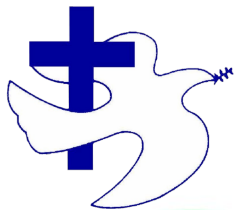


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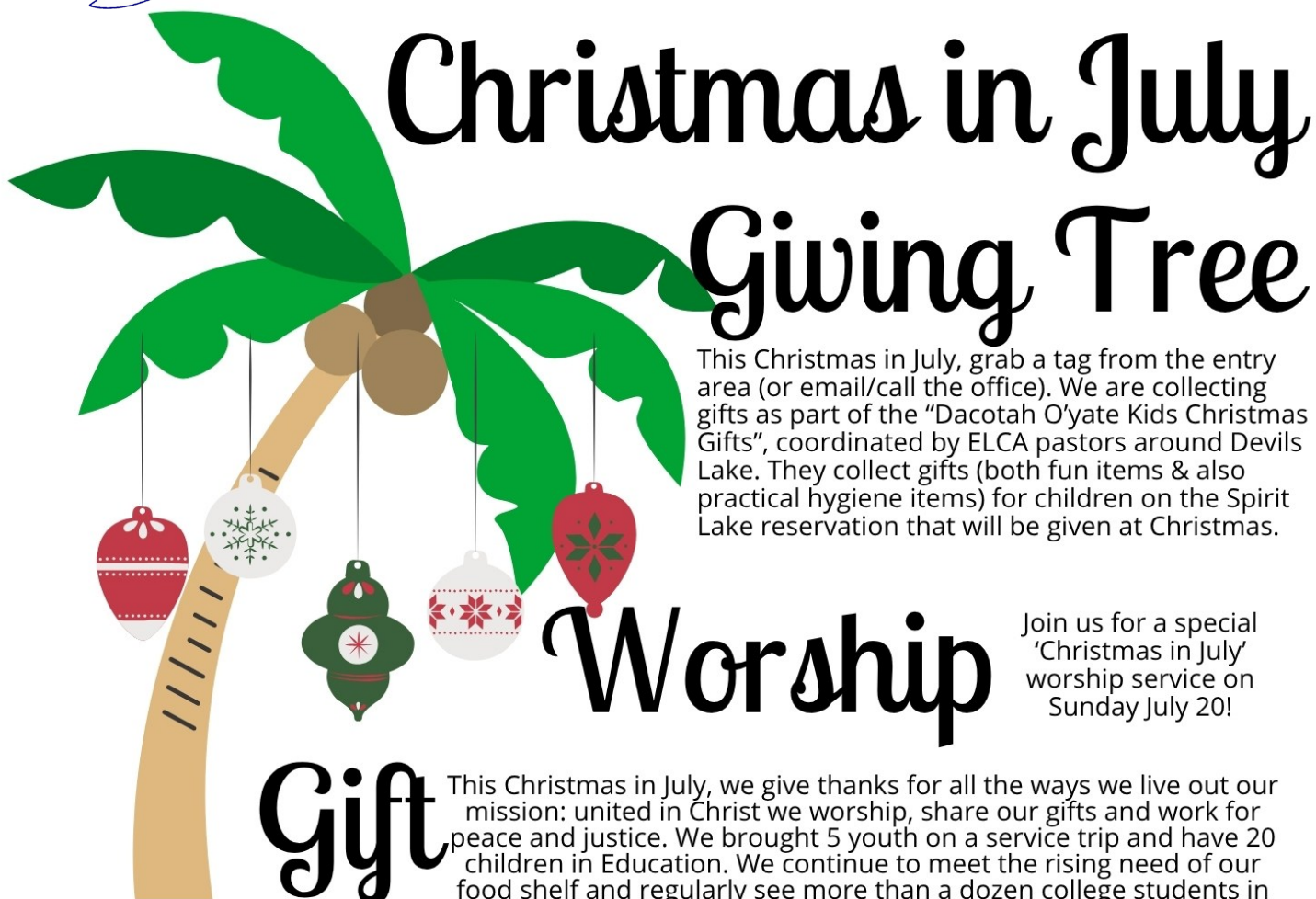
Our Food Shelf is looking for any breakfast/snack/granola type bars that are easy to take on the go. We need spices like black pepper and curry powder and instant potato and pasta mixes. We are happy to take your recycled plastic grocery bag donations to be used to bag our food shelf groceries. Please drop off your clean, regular sized bags at the food shelf during office hours or on Sunday. As always, the food shelf needs monetary donations.

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Post from the Pastor



Christmas in July Giving Tree

This Christmas in July, grab a tag from the entry area (or email/call the office). We are collecting gifts as part of the "Dacotah O'yate Kids Christmas Gifts", coordinated by ELCA pastors around Devils Lake. They collect gifts (both fun items & also practical hygiene items) for children on the Spirit Lake reservation that will be given at Christmas.

Worship

Join us for a special 'Christmas in July' worship service on Sunday July 20!

Gift

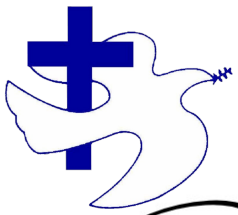
This Christmas in July, we give thanks for all the ways we live out our mission: united in Christ we worship, share our gifts and work for peace and justice. We brought 5 youth on a service trip and have 20 children in Education. We continue to meet the rising need of our food shelf and regularly see more than a dozen college students in worship. You are Christ's hands and feet to this world in need. Thank you for your generosity & please join me in giving a special 'Christmas in July' gift this month!



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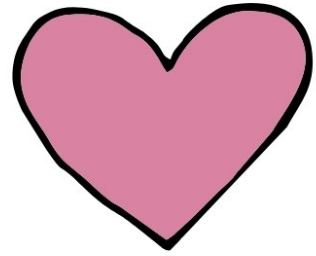
Bishop Tessa presiding at Communion during worship at Synod Assembly June 8



Pastor Cassie turns 40!!

Sunday July 6

after worship
help Pastor Cassie
celebrate her
40th birthday!



Love
never
Fails

PEACE LIKE A RIVER
LOVE LIKE THE OCEAN
VBS

July 16 & August 13
6:30-8:00pm
age 3 - finished grade 5
email Pastor Cassie to sign-up

SERVE BOLDLY
DULUTH

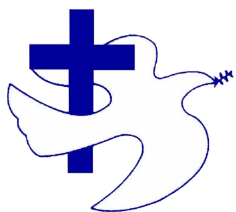
In between the writing & sending of
this newsletter, our 5 youth and 2
adults will be on their way to Duluth!
See sneak peak photos on page 11!

Noisy Change

Next noisy Change:
September 28



CHRISTMAS
IN JULY
Sunday
July 20



HEART-N-SOUL MOBILE CAFÉ

Back for the Season!

The food trailer is back! Heart-n-Soul Mobile Café will be in our parking lot once a month on Wednesday afternoons. We hope you will come to support this community non-profit. Come to eat and enjoy a good meal (remember, it's pay as you can). There are usually 2-3 healthy choices including dessert. We also need a few folks to step up as volunteers to showcase Peace's welcoming hospitality.

WHEN: one Wednesday each month 4:30-6:30pm
***July 23 *Aug 20 *Sept 24**

WAYS TO PAY FOR YOUR MEAL:

1. Pay the suggested price
2. Pay what you can
3. Volunteer for your meal
4. Pay it forward

The mobile café is at other locations around the community several days each week. Heart-n-Soul is committed to addressing food insecurities, building communities, and providing nutritious food to nurture body, heart, and soul.

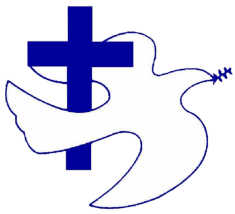
www.heartnsoulcafe.com also on Facebook!

Who can volunteer? You! We need 2 or more volunteers each session. This is perfect for a parent and teen or responsible pre-teen or maybe two adults. Come before 4 to set up and help to clean up afterwards. Support and welcome the friendly food trailer folks as they set up. We usually set up 2-4 tables and a garbage can outside, depending on the weather. We welcome visitors to our space inside or in the parking lot. We sit and visit with folks. We make a pitcher of icy lemonade and water. We wipe up tables and put away the tables and chairs at the end. We're done by about 7:00. Sign up will be on the entry table.

MICAH'S MISSION

Our June Brunch at Micah's Mission was a bit different as we found out when we got there that their griddle top wasn't working. They were able to get a quick delivery of frozen waffles and French toast sticks so we made those with eggs and sausage. If you would like to see what we do or join in, please contact the church office for more information. We would love to have you come and share the many blessing we receive from serving others.





Please & Thank you

memorials & gifts

GIVING OPTIONS

To conveniently give by text, send a text to 888-910-2311 with the dollar amount you wish to give \$0.00, followed by where you want to direct the gift,

Gen for General Fund

Ben for Benevolence Fund

Bld for Building Fund

Food for Food Shelf

ELCA for ELCA World Hunger

Justice for Peace & Justice

Flowers for Flowers for the Sanctuary

TNC The Neighborhood Church

THX Thanksgiving

Xmas Christmas

Youth Youth Trip

Kitchen Kitchen Remodeling Project

GOG Gift of Giving

If it is your first time you will be directed to a link to enter in your account information, I recommend a credit card for maximum security. Following setup you will receive a text acknowledging your gift, there will be some additional instruction should you want to make this a recurring gift, or if you made an error to "refund" your gift (cancel the gift). The offering secretary will also get an e-mail to record your offering.

You can also give electronically through our web site www.fargopeace.org. Click on the "Make an Offering" to set up an account on the secure Vanco website. Again the first time you will need to create a profile with your name, address, password, and account information. Again, I recommend a credit card for maximum security. When you make donations on this site you will receive an e-mail acknowledging your gift. The offering secretary will also get an e-mail to record your offering.

CONTACT information



Please keep us informed if you change your address, phone number, or email. We do our best to keep in touch with our members but we need your help when things change.

Send changes to the church office however it works best for you. Simply drop it off, send it in the mail, email it, or call during office hours.

Email: office@fargopeace.org

Phone: 701-232-7166

Address: 1011 12th Ave N Fargo ND 58102

Gifts In Memory of: Joyce Schoenfish

Given by:

Bob & Arlene Peterson
Terry & Brenda Thompson
Harriet Marquardt
Mike & Jan Haugen
Andy & Jan Fugle
Marian Zimmerman
Joan Skjonsby
Arleen Finders
Dawn Braaten Salman
Marian Hilborn
Joyce Snyder
Don & Lorna Pesek
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Blain & Gail Christianson
Bruce & Dianne Osvold
Maxine Kroke
Susan Becker Olsen
Dennis & Peggy Inglis
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Duane & Candace Haugen

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Phyllis Thurlow

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Mike & Jan Haugen
Harriet Marquardt
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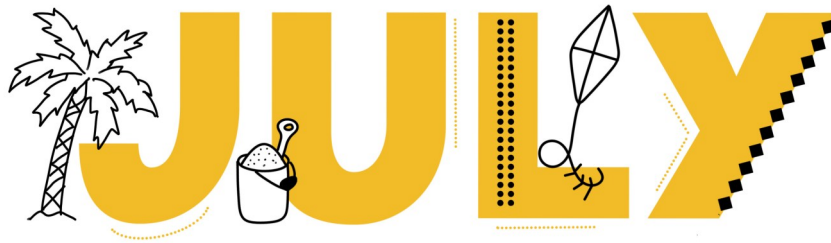
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Given by:

Maxine Kroke

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Potluck 10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee by Foundation	30	1 10:00am Food Shelf	2 9:00am Weeding & Watering 10:00am Bible Study 8:00pm AA 12 step	3 3:00pm Food Shelf 7:00pm AA Recovery	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 8:00am Serving at Micah's Mission
6 10:00am Worship w/Comm 11:00am Coffee by Fellowship Committee	7 4:00pm NDSU Music	8 10:00am Food Shelf 11:00am Lunch Club 4:00pm NDSU Music	9 9:00am Weeding & Watering 10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Card Making 4:00pm NDSU Music 8:00pm AA 12 step	10 3:00pm Food Shelf 4:00pm NDSU Music 7:00pm AA Recovery	11 Office closes at noon 4:00pm NDSU Music	12
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Our on-line calendar has up-to-date changes being made through out the month. Find it here: <https://1492457.view-events.com>

RUMMAGE SALE

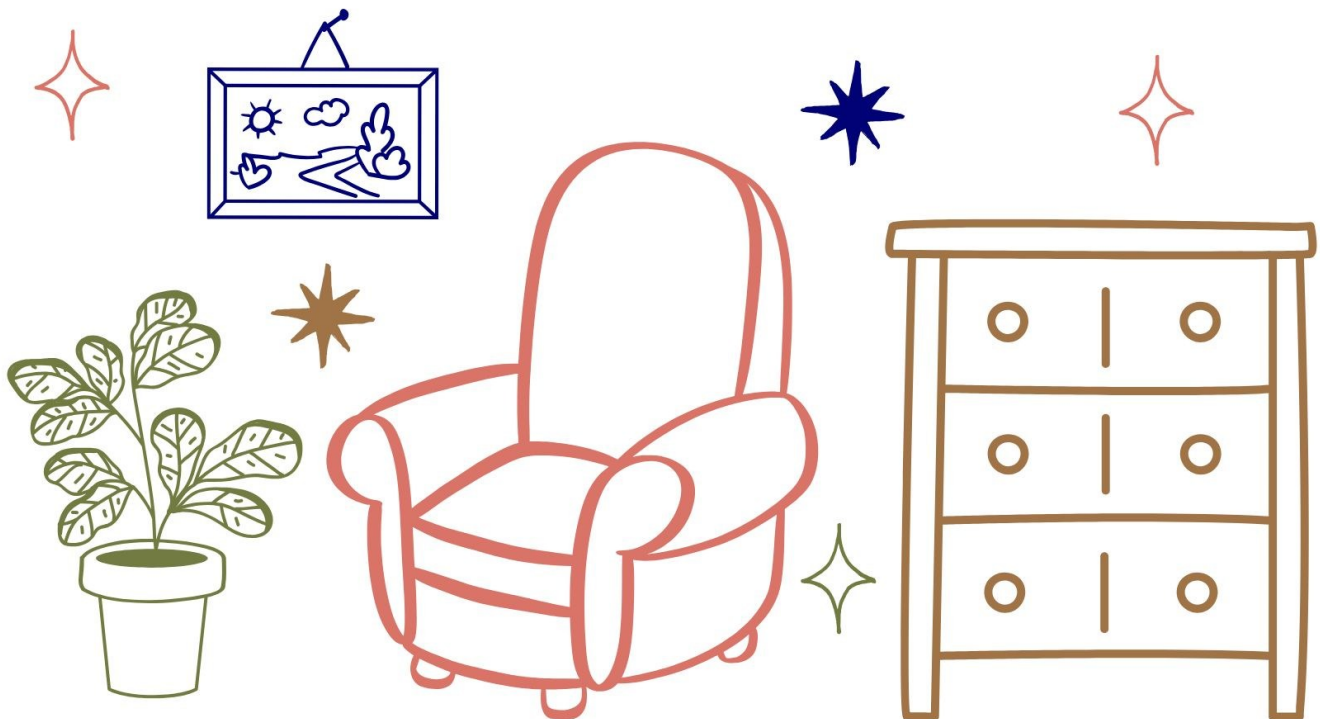
FRIDAY, OCT 17 | 3PM – 7PM

SATURDAY, OCT 18 | 9AM – 1PM

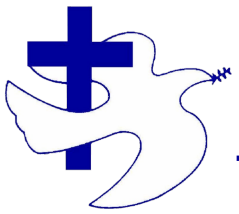
FRIDAY, OCT 24 | 3PM – 7PM

SATURDAY, OCT 25 | 9AM – 1PM

**DONATIONS WELCOMED STARTING OCT 1
PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE KITCHEN REMODEL**



**FURNITURE | KITCHENWARE | DECOR | PLANTS | TOYS
CLOTHES | BOOKS | ART | ACCESSORIES | SHOES**



Participate



Birthday Sunday is the first Sunday of each month.
Are there any special birthdays in the upcoming months that you would like to celebrate? Please sign up if you would like to provide birthday cupcakes for the upcoming months.

Thank you, the Fellowship Committee

SUMMER POTLUCK

Bring your favorite dish
&
enjoy great company!



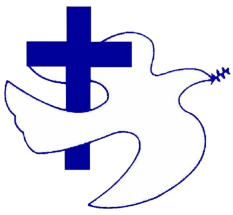
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following worship



Fellowship Committee



Pieces of Peace

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild's next scheduled meeting will be Thu. Sep, 11 at noon.

During the summer month, we will continue to set up communion the first and third Sundays of each month, and other duties as needed.

FOUNDATION

The purpose of the Peace Lutheran Church Foundation is to enhance the work of the church by establishing new ministries and stewardship opportunities in addition to and apart from the general operation of the congregation.

CARD MAKING

Card making will meet

Wednesday, July 9 at 1 pm

Join us if you can. If you have used greeting cards to donate, they can be dropped off at the church during office hours. Thank you!

LUNCH CLUB

Peace Lunch Club is a great way for members of Peace to get to know each other better. It is open to both men and women. Each month we choose a different restaurant to go to. We meet at the chosen restaurant at 11:00 on the second Tuesday of the month. We'd love to have you join us whenever you are able to!

Tuesday, July 8 at 11 am

Michele's Table 1414 12th Ave N Suite J
Fargo

MICAH'S MISSION

Saturday, July 5 at 8 am

The first Saturday of the month, a group of Peace volunteers prepare and serve a brunch at Micah's Mission (formerly Churches United for the Homeless). If you would like to join us or have questions call the church office.

MEN'S COFFEE

Friday, July 18 at 9:30 am

A gathering on the first and third Fridays for a time of fun and fellowship.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Fellowship Committee serves coffee, birthday cupcakes and sandwiches on the first Sunday of each month. They work to create events in the hopes of bringing members and visitors together for a time of fellowship. Some events have included meals, community service, art projects, games, and celebrations. They are always welcoming new members so if you have any interest please contact the church office.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

We serve coffee on the third Sunday of each month. We also help with Heart-n-Soul Café, Holiday Food Baskets, Benevolence donations, and much more! Let us know if you are interested in joining us at anytime.

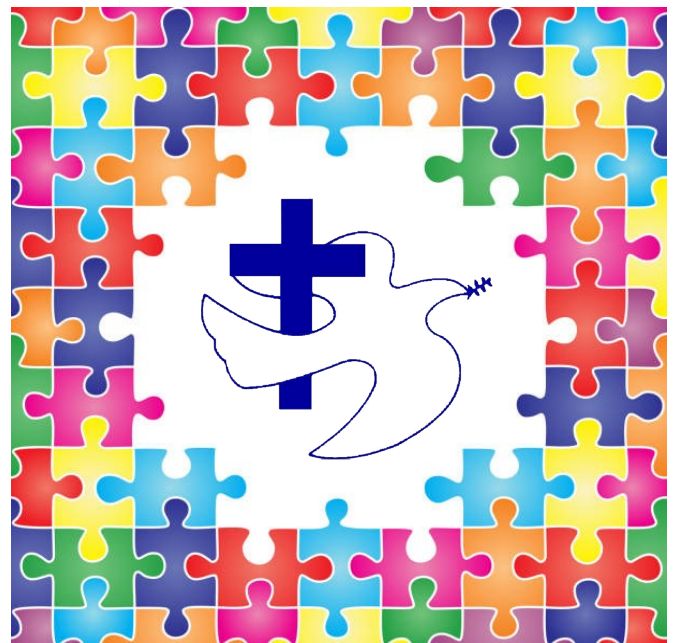
WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 10 am gather for coffee, fellowship, and a look at the weekly lectionary text.

PEACE CARES TEAM

Visits residents of Bethany Retirement Living
201 S University Dr Fargo
Training available
Contact Paula Larsen 701-212-2421

Join US!





People to Celebrate



DEATH

Cathy Alm
June 9, 2025

Phyllis Thurlow
June 10, 2025

BAPTISM

Luca Ernest Kenzo Huderle
June 22, 2025



1 Nicholas Scheel

2 Jacob Strand

3 Odette Scheel

Cheyenne Seminole

Michael Thurston

4 Eloise Carter

Kristoffer Carter

Jack Shaw

5 Arlene Francis

6 Cassandra Anderson

John Brekke

Alan Halverson

Brody Schneider

7 Mark Francis

Arlene Peterson

8 Logan Brekke

Lynette Seminole

9 Michael Beltz

Austin Lockwood

Constance Mata

Janet Stoll

10 Jayden Carter

Paige Roquet

11 Hadley England

12 Kathleen Pitts

13 Terry Ellingson

Robert Miller

Orville Nelson

Derek Thompson

14 Delores Knorr

17 Dan Nordsletten

18 Mike Crist

Mya Giere

Clara Thurston

19 Jennifer Hovland

MacKenzie Smith

20 Corah Bender

Candace Haugen

Wiltraud Mayer

Pam Shaw

21 Ashley King

23 Ava Larson

Veronica Rudolph

Kathy Steidl

27 Cade Herr

28 Shelly Ernest

29 Nancy Giere

Darryl Hersrud

Sophia Ochoa

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Outreach Programs-Please Join Us!

Food Shelf

- Tuesdays from 10am-noon
- Thursdays from 3-5:00 pm

Crossroads Lutheran Campus Ministry

- Preparing and serving a meal at NDSU Crossroads
- Watch calendar for dates

Worship & Church Information

Sunday

- 10:00 am Worship www.facebook.com/fargopeace/videos
Communion is served on the 1st & 3rd Sundays

Wednesday

- 6:30 pm Wednesday School (PreK 3-Grade 5)
- 6:30 pm FiF (Grade 6-7)
- 6:30 pm Confirmation (Grade 8-9)
- 6:30 pm Youth Group (Grade 6-12) 2nd Wed ea. mo.

Office Hours

- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Mon-Fri

Contact Us

- Church Office 701-232-7166
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- facebook.com/fargopeace
- eandsynod.org

Micah's Mission

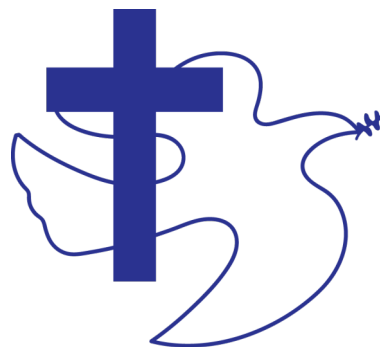
- Preparing and serving a meal
- 8:30-11:30am 1st Saturday of each month

The Neighborhood Church

- Preparing and serving a meal
- 6:30 pm 3rd Wednesday during school year

Peace Cares Team

- Visit Bethany Retirement Living residents



Peace Lutheran Mission Statement

United in Christ we worship, share our gifts, and work for peace and justice.