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Herald of Peace

Boldly Sharing Christ's Peace



The Newsletter of Peace Lutheran Church
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Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to thank all of you for the wonderful send-off you gave me. Thank you for the card and unexpected gift of money initiated by the Board of Elders. It will certainly come in handy as I move to the West Coast. Thank you too for the CD and handmade stole that will remind me of Peace and were presented to me in worship.

It truly has been a joy and a privilege to serve as the Intentional Interim Pastor here at Peace. I will miss all of you and will cherish the many memories we have made together!

Know that you will be in my prayers as you move through the call process. Let us hope that it will not take too long and that you will be able to extend a call to your next spiritual leader.

There is one thing I want to be sure that you know. My decision to leave was not forced. However, the struggling financial situation of the congregation helped speed up my decision. Had I stayed until you called someone, there would have been salary cuts across the board, which would have meant a move on my part to a place where the rent was lower. So, instead of making **two** moves in the near future, it made better sense to make the big move across the continent now.

Yes, the congregation is struggling no doubt partly due to the horrible state of our economy. It may affect the call process. It may mean calling someone with fewer years of experience. It may mean calling someone on a part time basis.

And so, I also want to leave you with a challenge. I understand that everyone is stretched financially. I have had to re-examine my priorities and some of the luxuries I enjoy. I have tried to cut back on some of those things and even eliminated some expenses entirely while trying to maintain if not increase at least annually my giving to the church. I would encourage and challenge you to do the same. I know that not everyone is able to do this but I do think that when we take a hard look at personal needs and wants

there certainly are expenses we might be able to eliminate at least for now, in order to maintain or increase giving to the church and so focus on mission and ministry.

What matters most to you? I know that people matter most to me. What can you/we do to minister to those who have lost everything? What can you/we do to strive for justice and peace in all the earth? That is one of the intentions we claim when we affirm our baptism. What can you/we do to build relationships and community in a world that seems to be falling apart?

I will be eager to hear how God continues to work through all of you. May you boldly and with much passion use your gifts to share the peace of Christ with everyone. We are marching in the light of God and so guided by it. Thanks be to God!

I bid you a fond aloha!

Pastor Phyllis I. Hormann
May 26, 2009

(You can keep in touch with Pr. Hormann at the following address: Pr. Phyllis Hormann, c/o Nick & Anne Hormann, 514 Atchison, Pasadena, CA 91104. Her email address is: phlshrmnn7@gmail.com and her phone # is: 810-334-0230.)



From Todd's Computer.....

I am writing this letter before the May 31st Voters Assembly, so I'm going to make a big assumption that I will be elected your chairman for the next 3 years.

These past three years have been tough. We have seen more change to this church than in any of my (roughly) 40 years as a member. We've seen changes in pastoral leadership, changes in staff, changes in membership, changes in the role of lay leadership, changes in finances, changes in the way we view ourselves and changes in our role in the larger church. When you consider the issues involved and the time frame in which these things occurred, I'm stunned.

Now is the time to look forward and use the past as a learning experience.

During the past three years we've spent much of our time looking inward and fixing our problems. We've focused on where we should be going and what a thriving 21st century church can look like. And most importantly, we've learned that it's not our mission, but God's mission.

For the next 3 years under my leadership as chairman, I am making three goals for myself. They are:

1. Focus on God's mission for Peace.
2. Equip our members and leaders to participate in God's mission.
3. Continually strive for inward discussions focused only on God's mission for us.

For the first item, we don't know God's true mission for us. The best we can do is look at our gifts, individually and as a congregation, combine that with scripture, prayer and discussion to find ways to participate in His mission.

For the second item, equipping members and leaders, I look to our call process and our new 'to be called' pastor, along with the members of our congregation, to explore new ways in which we gather and worship. I hope the next three years, lead us to added worship times and a continued focus on sermons, study and discussions, to better understand ourselves and God's plan. I hope for us to find new ways to engage members, non-members, unchurched, shut-in's, sick, and individuals too busy for Sunday worship. I look to better understand emerging churches, combined ministries, and ways in which technology can help. I also hope that we can continue to focus on and engage new ways to educate the children of God.

Finally, we need to focus much less on ourselves and continually strive to focus inward concerns in concert with our mission with God. You've heard me and many others dwell on finances, staffing, synod relations, building problems, etc. While these things are important, they are not our mission. I hope to lead us to watch

these items closely, but dwell on them only when our mission to God is affected. How cool would it be if our agenda for the 2012 May Voters' Assembly was spent 90% on things we're doing to make a difference and only 10% on our normal business items.

So, the next three years are going to be busy. With our congregation and lay leadership focused on establishing roles in Christ's mission, further enhanced by our new, to be identified, called Pastor, I hope to see an entirely different church in three years. And I don't want this to be from any single individual's leadership, but a combined effort by all of us. With a lot of prayer, much discussion, and help from God, I am certain that we can do it.

I look forward to leading you though the next three years!

Todd Pushman

Stewardship News

Meeting

There will be a Stewardship/Christian Outreach Meeting on June 2nd at 6:30pm.

Noisy Offerings

On May 24th a Noisy Offering was taken up for Mercy Primary Care Center. We collected \$65.00. Thank you for your generosity!
This month the Noisy Offerings will be collected on June 14th and June 28th.



Fish and Loaves

Please join us this month volunteering at Fish and Loaves Community Food Pantry at 25670 Northline Road in Taylor. On May 19th, six of us from Peace helped sort food and stock shelves. It was a very rewarding experience. We were all impressed with how well this food pantry is run. Please look for the signup sheet in the parlor. **Our next date is June 16th from 4-7 p.m.**



Calling All Graduates!!

Please identify yourselves so we can recognize you on Sunday, June 21st at our worship service. Call Kris (734-671-8726) or email her (jaskula@comcast.net) with pertinent information regarding your upcoming graduation.

Pastoral Schedule For The Summer

The Board of Elders would like to let the congregation know that a plan has been put into place that will continue our pastoral duties between the time of Pastor Hormann leaving and our call to a new Pastor. After much discussion and prayer, the Elders have come to a decision to utilize Albert LeBlanc and Rob Montie for the summer worship schedule. Both Albert and Rob will be sharing the planning and conducting of worship as well as some of the office duties. Pastor Hormann wrote a letter asking the office of the Bishop to give Albert and Rob approval to administer communion in our worship services. During Pastor Hormann's exit interview, Pastor Beck indicated that the Bishop's office would grant such approval, and in fact, the approval has just been sent.

For our Pastoral needs *after* summer, we have requested the Bishop's office to send us a stated supply minister to interview. This stated supply pastor will be our pastor for a contractual period of time and if we choose, could be hired to do more than just the worship service on Sunday. Since Albert is leaving us to start his internship at the end of August and Rob's desire is to not, if possible, work full time at Peace, the use of a stated supply pastor seems to be the direction that we should take during this interim period.

We will be maintaining contact with our Downriver cluster of churches and the Southeast Michigan Synod of the ELCA while the process of a call is on-going. Pastor Heather at St. Phillips will be our contact for Baptisms, weddings and any other needs for an ordained clergy. Also, as a part of our ELCA cluster, the Elders and the education committee will be working together with the other churches to provide a more unified and synergistic approach to our Lord's work downriver.

We ask that all of the members of Peace continue to provide assistance in the work of the church during this time between Pastors. We will continue to move forward in our mission to go and boldly proclaim the Word of the Lord while we await the calling of a new Pastor.

Rob Montie

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has finished our Mission Profile. It is now in the hands of Pastor Beck at the Synod office. Pastor Eggleston and Pastor Heather have met with the committee and presented a candidate which we are hopeful to interview soon. The Call Committee has been asked to use discretion during the course of interviewing any candidate, so please be considerate to the members of the committee.

For Pastoral Concerns or in case of an emergency, please contact one of the following:

Parish Office – 734-284-1922
Rob Montie - 313-929-1512
Albert LeBlanc - 734-552-8863
Todd Pushman - 734-658-7453
Kris Jaskula – 734-671-8726 (home) or
734-775-7886 (cell)



June Birthdays

6/1	Julie Rettke
6/4	Lillienn Corby
6/5	Gail Garner
6/6	Alan Campbell
6/7	Neil Rehbein
6/10	John Kish, Robert Anderson
6/13	Payton Begley
6/14	Robert Elsner
6/16	Dan Mulligan, Daniel Kaminski
6/17	David Meyers
6/18	Nancy Yakowich
6/21	Colin Harvey, Jr.
6/22	Delcy Plutko
6/23	Brian Wright
6/25	Jan Scherbarth, David Simonson
6/26	Gladys Fritz
6/27	Don Pushman, Antonia Wayt, Kari Fields



June Birthday Cake

The birthday cake to celebrate members born in June is being donated by Bob Elsner.



Special Anniversaries

6/13 STAN & JEAN STULL 45 years



Help Peace Build a Habitat House

Those who worked on the Habitat project last year still haven't stopped talking about it – so Peace is participating again. Our work day for this year is **Tuesday, July 7th**. Our team "foreman" is Lonnie Frederick. Hours are approximately 7:30am to 3:30pm. The location of the Habitat neighborhood is off Mack Street, a few blocks south of the Grosse Pointes, on Detroit's east side. It is a 35 minutes drive via I 94. As this year's Thrivent Build House will be raised by the framing team on June 8th – look for photos in the church parlor after then. When our team's day arrives, it will need flooring, and primer painting. So if you can commit to the full day, and are skilled, or willing to learn on the job, the sign-up sheet is now in the parlor. Please sign the chart, and fill out a "worker commitment form" also in the parlor which will be faxed to Habitat prior to our work day.

Thanks to the Peace Women for their \$200 in support of our Habitat team. If you would like to be involved, but cannot work the entire day, would you consider working in the "hospitality tent" which includes organizing a lunch for the workers, and serving it at the sight about 11:30am. This is also considered as an important donation to Habitat, saving them the expense of feeding each day's team. Please indicate this on the sign-up sheet, as well.

For more information, Dan Dickhudt will be at our church on June 14th with some people from Habitat to provide information about this year's build and Thrivent's commitment to Habitat.

Dorothy Pushman

These are the people from our church and their friends and acquaintances that are experiencing a crisis in their lives and need our prayers.



"Prayer Changes Things"

Ongoing Prayers: Our Homebound members, Blessed Hope, the Call Process, and Peace Lutheran Church.

Members: Barb Byrd

Family & Friends of our Members:

Craig Mitchell

Members are in Bold

Telephone Prayer Chain Contact:

Betty Rehbein, 734-282-7943

E-prayer chain: Todd Pushman at

tpushman@yahoo.com

All church members that are named will be on the list for **three weeks**, and all non-members for **one week**. If you would like for someone to remain on the list for additional time please notify Kris by phone at 734-671-8726 or by email at jaskula@comcast.net.

Congratulations to our Confirmands

Take a moment to congratulate our recent Confirmands: Madison Brandt, John Catalano, Mary Rowledge, and Alyssa Wayt. With the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen them may they continue to grow in their faith.



Keep in Touch

For those of you who would like to keep in touch with Mary Jacobs her new address and phone number are:

Mary Jacobs

S 3878 Fairfield Road

Baraboo, WI 53913

Phone: 608-356-0932

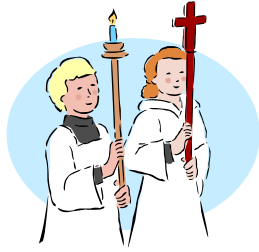
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p> <p>Office Hours: 10am-2pm</p> <p>7:00pm: Elders Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Office Hours: 10am-2pm</p> <p>6:30pm: Stewardship/ Christian Outreach Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Office Hours: 10am-Noon</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Office Hours: 9am-11am</p> <p>10:00: Bible Study</p> <p>7:00pm: Finance Mtg.</p> <p>7:30: Sr. Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>The Church Office is Closed on Fridays</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p><i>Sr. Choir</i></p> <p>9:00: Sr. High Youth 9-10:00: Bible Study 10:30: COMMUNION</p> <p>No Sunday School For The Summer</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Office Hours: 10am-2pm</p> <p>7:00pm: Council Mtg.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Office Hours: 10am-2pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Office Hours: 10am-Noon</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Office Hours: 9am-11am</p> <p>10:00: Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p> <p>The Church Office is Closed on Fridays</p>	<p>13</p> 
<p>14</p> <p>Pr. Jack Eggleston</p> <p>9:00: Sr. High Youth 9-10:00: Bible Study 10:30: COMMUNION 6:00: Worship & Potluck Dinner</p> <p><i>Noisy Offering</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p>Office Hours: 10am-2pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Office Hours: 10am-2pm</p> <p>4-7pm: Volunteering at Fish and Loaves Community Pantry-Taylor</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Office Hours: 10am-Noon</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Office Hours: 9am-11am</p> <p>10:00: Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p> <p>The Church Office is Closed on Fridays</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p><i>Band</i></p>  <p>Father's Day</p> <p>9:00: Sr. High Youth 9-10:00: Bible Study 10:30: COMMUNION</p>  <p>Recognition of Graduates</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Office Hours: 10am-2pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Office Hours: 10am-2pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Office Hours: 10am-Noon</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Office Hours: 9am-11am</p> <p>10:00: Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>The Church Office is Closed on Fridays</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p><i>Teen Group</i></p> <p>9:00: Sr. High Youth 9-10:00: Bible Study 10:30: COMMUNION</p> <p><i>Noisy Offering</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p>Office Hours: 10am-2pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Office Hours: 10am-2pm</p>			<p>Kris: 734-671-8726 (home); 734-775-7886 (cell), jaskula@ comcast.net (email).</p>	



Those Who Serve...

Date	Worship Leader	Elder	Acolytes	Greeters	Ushers	Sound Tech	Trustee	Altar Guild	Reader(s)	Organist
6/7	President: Rob Montie	Janet LeBeau	M. Rowledge, Alyssa Wayt, N. Cade, M. Brandt	Diane Rowledge	G. Elsner, B. Elsner, M. Ziesmer, R. Wilson, N. Knaggs	John Cade	Robert Bernard	Nancy Harvey	Ruth Schmidt	Jennifer Rosati
6/14	Celebrant: Pr. Jack Eggleston	Nancy Yakowich	C.J. Morse, K. Bogusz, B. Ford, A. Mulligan	Fred & Deb Harmon	G. Elsner, B. Elsner, M. Ziesmer, R. Wilson, N. Knaggs	Dorothy Pushman	Dale LeBeau	Lucille Hrivnak	Jan Scherbarth	Jennifer Rosati
6/21 Father's Day Recognition of Graduates	President: Albert LeBlanc, Jr.	Barb Pushman	S. Catalano, K. Mulligan, Alex Wayt, S. Andrews	Al & Karen McNeil	G. Elsner, B. Elsner, M. Ziesmer, R. Wilson, N. Knaggs	Sean Morse	Peter Montie	Mary Ziesmer	Karen McNeil	Jennifer Rosati
6/28 Installation of Officers	President: Albert LeBlanc, Jr. Assisting: Youth of all ages	Carolyn Racklyeft	J. Catalano, S. Morse, M. Brandt, N. Cade	Bill Racklyeft	G. Elsner, B. Elsner, M. Ziesmer, R. Wilson, N. Knaggs	Jerry Gnad	Robert Bernard	Lise Corby	Emilee LeBlanc	Mary Tollefson

Bread Baker for June is Bev Brewer

Board of Christian Outreach



Crop Walk— April 26, 2009 - We had a very nice turn out and a very hot day for Crop Walk. In the near future we will have detailed information as to number of walkers and funds raised. Crop Walk helps feed the world as well as 25% remains in local food pantries.



March to the Manger – July 26, 2009 is the day we will be marching to the manger. This year we will be helping Fish and Loaves which is a community food pantry located in Taylor. Fish and Loaves currently services resident of six continuous communities – Allen Park, Brownstown, Dearborn Heights, Romulus, Southgate and Taylor. Thanks to the Board of Stewardship we had an opportunity to visit the facility on Saturday, April 25, 2009. Everyone who attended was impressed with the way this faith based group serves our Lord. More details will follow in your bulletins soon but if you have questions about March to the Manger bore that time please call Bev Helms at 734-379-4256.



Congratulations, Katie!

Katherine Lee Cade

Katherine will be graduating on June 11, 2009, from Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte. She will be starting her college education at Eastern Michigan University in the fall of 2009. At this time, Katie wants to go into pediatric medicine. Her family is very proud of her and wants to congratulate her on receiving one scholarship (so far) for the next school year. They are having an Open House graduation party for her (and her cousin from Southgate Anderson) on June 27, 2009 starting at 2:00pm for all who wish to come.

(If you know of a Peace graduate, from high school, college or technical school, please call Kris at 734-671-8726 so we can honor their achievement!)



Notes From Bonnie Lai!

Thanks for all the well wishes and prayers from all of you! We had a wonderful time at the wedding, and we look forward to seeing you at our pot-luck reception in June! Just a note, **the date has changed to Sunday, June 28, 2009 from 4-10**; we will be at Lion's Park in Southgate. We would love it if you could bring the recipes for all the pot-luck dishes so we can build our very own cookbook of delicious recipes, too! Thank you all for all the love and support!

Thanks to all the musicians, too! It's been a great season, and I look forward to starting again in the fall with the various choirs. (The band and the teen group will go all summer, though.) I truly feel blessed to be not only an employee of Peace, but also a member. You are a very loving congregation, and I'm so happy to be here with you. Thanks for all you do!

Love,
Bonnie



Two Special Worship Experiences – June 14, 2009

Your Board of Elders has exciting news about a couple of special worship experiences. On June 14th, Pastor Jack Eggleston from our Southeast Michigan Synod will be at Peace to preach and celebrate communion with us. His sermon will provide insight into the direction of the Lutheran Church of the 21st century.

On the same day, at 6:00pm, Peace will be hosting an evening worship and potluck. This evening worship celebration will be with our cluster congregations downriver and is a continuation of the combined Lenten services that everyone enjoyed so much.

Come and enjoy these two special worship experiences. Bring a dish to the potluck and enjoy an inspirational worship experience as well as some food from some of the other great Lutheran cooks downriver.



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