



September 2018

Tidings of Peace Newsletter

Scrip orders due - Sunday, September 2 (first Sunday of each month)

Rummage Sale – Sept. 7 & 8

Rally Day (start of Sunday School) & Pancake Breakfast– September 9

Thank You Picnic – Sunday, September 16

Over 55 Group – Tuesday, September 18

Five Alive Bible Study – September 20

Congregation Bake Sale – Sunday, September 23

Silent Auction – Sunday, Sept. 23 to Sunday, Oct. 7

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Join us Sunday mornings!
Worship at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

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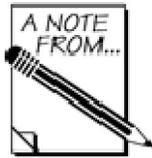
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...my perspective (words from our President)

What's New?

I ask this burning question because we didn't have a newsletter for the month of July. So, I thought I would spend some time discussing things that are new that may or may not impact our community of worshipers at Peace. Some stuff will be new, some will be kinda new, and some may think "this isn't new at all." The perspective will be up to the reader...

The first thing that comes to mind is the mission group that I, along with twenty-two others, spent seven days in June traveling on our **new** bus to the "Land of Koinonia." I had to wear my **new** shirt I bought from the camp so I would spell the name correctly. We arrived, worked our tails off, and left, leaving behind some **new** things for their ministry. That trip was **new** for me. On a personal note, my wife and I also spent some time in Los Angeles in July helping move my daughter into a **new** dwelling in Hollywood. Of course, I had timed it so I could attend Dodger Stadium to watch a game. This was also **new** for me.

The next thing that is **new** is our mortgage loan agreement that was just signed on August 22. Through our discussion at Council, we reflected on the idea that the congregation has already retired over \$1 million of that loan! Now that's impressive in and of itself, so kudos to the congregation and thanks be to God!!! With this signing, the remaining balance is approximately \$570,000. I pray that we all can play a part in retiring the remainder of the loan as soon as possible. I throw out a **new** challenge to the congregation, **can we make our last payment by or before August 2021?** God's will be done.

We are on the brink of other **new** things. Can you see and smell the seasonal change in the air? With this change, a **new** school year begins, including Sunday School and Logos. Jody Ramberg and Julie Hanson, along with their boards and all the volunteers, have done a great job preparing for the kids. It's never too late to get involved in these programs and create a **new** experience for yourself!

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that we are on the threshold of the (**new**) 2018 baseball playoffs. I know you're all as excited as I am! I will be rooting for the Green and Gold of Oakland, how about you? In addition, are you ready for some football? Most of you will be spending your Saturday and Sunday afternoons worshipping touchdown Jesus as you watch the **new**-look Badgers and Packers. With that in mind, always remember that each Sunday morning that you worship at Peace, brings a **new** light into your life. I know that I always reflect on the scripture as well as Pastor John's well-prepared sermon. These lessons are so valuable for me and my family as we continue our faith walk.

I'm sure that we all have **new** things happening in our dynamic lives. I pray that we all will find time for volunteering, mission work, and worship. **Renew** yourself often at worship and find your place among this fantastic congregation. Let us all walk the faith and allow our actions to be the hands of God!



A Gathering Place

Julie and I ventured out west this summer to be with our immediate family where they live, work and play. Many times we had to reconvene - at the wayside rest, gas station, park entrance, campsite, store entrance - you name it. If we got out of the vehicle or were nearing a destination, we needed a place to gather.

Throughout the ages, people have made meeting places. 100+ different terms for “meeting place” exist because it is such an important part of a healthy communal life and likely because one word won’t describe endless possibilities: rendezvous, hangout, assembly, rallying point, stomping ground, hub, watering hole...

While in Boise, ID, we toured a “meeting place” and as a matter of fact, that is what it’s called – Jack’s Urban Meeting Place (J.U.M.P.) right in the middle of downtown Boise! A pamphlet describes JUMP: The story about JUMP begins with J. R. (Jack) Simplot, an Idaho entrepreneur who saw potential where other people did not. He was a model of the pioneering spirit, of taking risks, and of thinking outside the box. J. R. passed away in 2008 leaving behind his legacy and astounding collection of vintage tractors. While deciding what to do with these tractors, a new idea emerged. Instead of building a typical tractor museum, which would likely be under-utilized, we decided to build JUMP, a lively community space unlike anything Boise has ever seen. While "JUMP" is a metaphor for explorative play, it is also an acronym for "Jack's Urban Meeting Place." The desire is for this place to honor Jack by giving our community opportunities to continue to inspire, grow, and innovate.

Just because they built JUMP and designed remarkable meeting places, it is under-utilized. The site begins with a beautiful park, an outdoor amphitheater, sweeping terraces, rooftop parks, meeting areas, and play areas with unique views of the city and the surrounding mountains. There are spaces to roam, a structure to climb on, and most remarkably an opportunity to take a five-story slide instead of the stairs. Every corner of the park is connected to high-speed public wi-fi.

There are studios stocked with audio and video equipment to record an album or make a movie. There is an industrial-grade kitchen to innovate recipes or discover new types of food, a studio space stocked with tools to build things, and a 3D printer for prototyping product ideas. There is a studio for dance, recitals and a studio to brainstorm ideas, and all this is connected to event spaces for hosting galas, fundraisers, and concerts. Studios are placed near each other so they are easy to find and discover.

We visited this remarkable facility with all its designed potential in a busy growing city like Boise, and it was rather empty. Most studios were closed. The amphitheater was vacant. The parking ramp was hardly used. Oh yeah, and the five-story slide was closed. Since its opening, the community is still trying to figure out how they will use the space that was gifted to them.

Peace Lutheran Church was gifted to us as well. From its incorporation as a church and continuing to today, it is to be a meeting place. A meeting place between God and us. A meeting place for us to build community. A meeting place between God and all God’s people. We gather for celebrations of baptism and wedding. We gather for remembrances in memorial or funeral. We gather for prayer in times of trouble. We gather for blessing and reassurance in worship. We gather for shared mission and as a place to start ministry. Sometimes, we just meet here. But, Peace is not just a place that we wish people would chose. Peace is holy ground - set apart.

The description of JUMP could be echoed in our own facilities at Peace, “This type of environment is not a luxury but a necessity. As culture moves rapidly into new challenges and opportunities we need a place to imagine, innovate, adapt, and explore. As Aristotle said, ‘The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.’ We need to do this together.” Join us this fall as we explore many different ways to make Peace a gathering place for all! Rally Day begins September 9 and we invite you to our THANK YOU Picnic on September 16. You are welcome at this Holy Meeting Place!



CHURCH COUNCIL

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST 21, 2018

Name (Representing) – Shirley Rode (Women of Peace), Sue Gillis (Deacons), Shelley Wynveen (Education), Pauline Wangen (Family Ministries), Laurel Carlson (Youth), Amy Hutchins (Office), Heidi Dumond (LOGOS), Jody Ramberg (Director of Sunday School), Rich Carlson (Treasurer), Wayne Miller (Vice-Pres.), Bruce Ashlin (President), Pastor John Hanson, Kathy Miller (Stewardship).

Call to Order – President Bruce Ashlin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The attendance sheet was passed.

Adoption of the Agenda – Rich Carlson/Sue Gillis moved/seconded the motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date – Sept. 18, 2018, 7:00pm.

Devotions – Jody Ramberg presented devotions based on “Wait with Me for A While.” Sue will do Sept. devotions.

Secretary’s Report – Rich/Sue moved/seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June Council meeting as printed in the July newsletter. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Shirley Rode/Sue Gillis moved/seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion carried. July 1, 2018 beginning balance - \$6,909.57. July 31, 2018 ending balance -- \$11,693.93. Rich/Shirley moved/seconded the motion to give the June (\$836.62) and the July (\$882.65) Benevolence to Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. Motion carried.

Reports – Executive Committee – President Bruce reported that the Exec. Comm. has not met this summer. He shared Thank You notes received recently. They included notes from Sidney Roemhild and Trevor Woyda for the Lokken Scholarships they received. A note was also received from Tom and Sue at the Bible Camp the youth group went to on their mission trip in June. **Pastor** – Pastor John Hanson spoke about everything that’s happened at Peace this summer. New York Mission Trip was a great multi-generational interactive event on the new bus. In July new staff started. Laurel Carlson is our new Youth Director and Pauline Wangen is the Director of Family Ministries. August saw the end of the \$50,000.00 Loan Challenge. \$132,000.00 was raised and paid on the loan to bring our balance down below \$600,000.00. Vacation Bible School was Saturday, August 18. It was well attended by all the Superheroes. A new swing set is in the works for the playground area. Bids are being secured for parsonage renovation. The fall Rummage Sale will be Sept. 7 & 8. The Silent Auction will be Sept. 23 – Oct. 7. **Trustees** – Rich Carlson reported on the Trustees activities this summer. Carla O’Connell contacted the

Board about funds for the playground equipment. They have over half the needed funds so far. Paul Ramberg talked with the Trustees about changing the fees for some burial plots. Ken Rimer is securing bids from Home Depot for parsonage siding and windows. So far there is \$30,000.00 in the Parsonage Renovation Fund. Fuel oil has been ordered for the coming winter at a price of \$1.26/gallon for 8000 gallons. **Stewardship** – Kathy Miller reported that Stewardship is presenting a Thank You Picnic for the congregation on Sunday, Sept. 16 following the 10:30 service to thank the congregation for their financial support of the General Fund and Debt Retirement this year. The Stewardship Theme for Commitment Sunday in October and through 2019 will be “Let Your Light Shine.” The Board requests that all Boards at Peace utilize this theme as much as possible in the coming year. **Education** – Shelley Wynveen reported that 24 students attended Vacation Bible School this summer. Memory work and snacks for the coming Sunday School year have been discussed. **Director of Sunday School** – Jody Ramberg reported that one teacher is needed for the fall session. The program will be the same as last year. **Deacons** – Sue Gillis said all is going very well with the Deacons. **Women of Peace** – Rally Sunday, Sept. 9, the Women will be serving breakfast. Sept. 5 is their first meeting for the fall. They are hoping to take a fall bus trip. **LOGOS** – Heidi Dumond said that LOGOS is looking for teachers and table parents. If you can help out, please contact the church office or any member of the LOGOS board. **Youth** – Laurel Carlson introduced herself to any in attendance that may not know her. Youth Group Bible Study will now be on Sunday mornings between services. Wednesday evening will Fellowship Time. Sept. 26 will be Slip-n-Slide Kickball. **Old Business – Usher Committee** – A meeting was held Sunday evening, August. 19. **New Business – Director of Family Ministries** – Pauline Wangen will be sending out a survey this fall about ministry needs. She’s looking into a Day Away (adult respite) program. Sept. 20 she is starting a Bible Study that will be offered at a choice of two times during the week. Sept. 18 the Over 55 group will be gathering for lunch, games and fellowship. Oct. 2 a bus trip will be taken to Pepin to see Laura Ingalls Wilder area, Nelson for cheese/ice cream and stopping for lunch along the way. She is looking for more suggestions for family events. The various events will be publicized on Facebook, email, church newsletters and bulletins. **Adjourn** – Shirley/Rich moved/seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. We closed with the Lord’s Prayer at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Miller, Substitute Secretary



BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP August 5 , 2018

Present – Jan Hanson, Heather Serier, Jim Hauschild, Sherry

Neisius, Kathy Miller.

Call to Order – Chairman Jim Hauschild called the meeting to order at 9:00.

Devotions – Heather Serier presented devotions. Scott Brushaber will present September 9 devotions.

Next Meeting Date – Sunday, Sept. 9, 9:15a.m.

Secretary’s Report – The June Secretary’s Report was approved by consensus.

Old Business – Mission Moments – Heather will give a financial update on our Debt Retirement on Sunday and remind the congregation of the \$50,000.00 Challenge that

ends August 17. Sherry Neisius will present the September Mission Moment. **Thank you picnic** – Stewardship will present a thank you picnic to the congregation on Sunday, Sept. 16, following the 10:30 service. Board members will supply bars/cookies for dessert.

New Business – 2019 Theme – The Board decided on “Let Your Light Shine” as our theme for 2019 and requests that all boards use this theme in their programs next year. Examples of commitment letters will be discussed at the September board meeting. **Director of Family Ministries** – Pauline Wangen is the new Director of Family Ministries. She met with us to see how her new position works with Stewardship goals/theme.

Adjourn – The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Miller, Secretary



BOARD of EDUCATION August 13, 2018

Present: Jody, Shelley, Amy, Leah, Stacy, Cristy.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, September 10 at 6PM.

Family Ministries Update: Pauline gave the Board of Ed an overview of her plans as the new Director of Family Ministries. Survey to congregation will go out in early September to discover what needs are in the church before reaching out to broader community. Licensed child care in basement of church could take a year to get started. Adult respite care could begin sooner, would be upstairs in Fellowship Hall. Leah mentioned she is now certified in falls-prevention classes for elderly. Pauline also looking into starting adult Bible studies (morning and evening starting Sept. 20). Over 55 group will meet once a month starting Sept. 18 to socialize, have lunch, etc. Bus field trip to Nelson & Pepin (Laura Ingalls museum) also being planned for anyone interested.

Vacation Bible School: Saturday, August 18th, 9:00-11:30 AM. For 3-year-olds through 5th grade. \$5 per participant. Theme: “Jesus Is Our Super Hero”. Kids may come dressed in their own super hero costumes.

Schedule: Helpers to be at church by 8AM (Jody, Brittany, Shelley, Leah, Stacy, Cristy) / 8:45 – 9:00 – Registration, and kids decorate superhero mask name tags as they arrive / 9:00 - 9:15 – Opening welcome given by Pastor John, songs and guitar by Sam N.

9:15 – 9:35 – Bible lesson / 9:35 – 10:00 – Popsicle stick craft / 10:00 – 10:15 – Snack (bomb pops, cheese sticks, pretzels, lemonade) / 10:15 – 11:25 – Activities (obstacle course, capture the villain, “I think a super hero is...” board) / 11:25 – 11:30 – Closing prayer given by Pastor John. **Items we already have:** Construction paper, popsicle sticks, markers (in supply closet). Hula hoops, tunnels, cones, pool noodles (in storage room). Masks for name tags. **Items needed:**

Jody – snacks, streamers / Brittany – any additional items for obstacle course, extra costumes / Stacy – post it notes for super hero board / Anyone with glue guns/glue sticks can bring those.

Silent Auction : More discussion at next meeting for Silent Auction items from the Board of Ed. Will do 2 baskets: 1. Ice cream sundae basket (cones, serving cups, toppings, cherries, sprinkles, DQ gift card or have ice cream in freezer on last day of auction). 2. Spaghetti dinner basket (sauce, noodles, grated parmesan, bread, wine glasses, bottle of wine). Snacks – Pauline to order ~500 snacks for first semester when she submits the LOGOS food order. Will have individually wrapped snacks which will be served in classrooms. Need gluten-free & egg-free. Rally Day Sept. 9 – Teachers take care of own games in classrooms. Jody to order cookies for everyone.

Respectfully submitted, Cristy Peavey



BOARD of TRUSTEES August 14, 2018

Present – Derek Miller, John Hanson, Rich Carlson, Amy

Hutchins, Char Vrieze, Carla O’Connell, John Vrieze, Paul Ramberg, Ken Rimer, Rich Cronk, and Jena Kaiser.

Call to Order – Chair Derek Miller called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. (cont.)

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, Sept. 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Secretary's Report – Rich Cronk moved and John Vrieze seconded approval of the secretary's report. Motion moved.

Treasurer's Report and Approval – Derek Miller moved and Char Vrieze seconded approval of the treasurer's report. Motion approved.

Old Business – Carla O'Connell presented some of the work that the playground committee has done. This committee will share the new equipment that they would like to see at Peace. The Board of Trustees is hoping to approve the new equipment soon, so a new playground area could potentially be put up yet this fall. Thank you to everyone on the playground committee! They will be working with Nancy Rowe on the fall Rummage Sale to raise some funds for the new equipment.

Paul Ramberg joined our meeting to discuss the layout of the cemetery and to present information about the cemetery. After much discussion, Derek Miller made a motion, and Rich Cronk seconded, to offer flush/flat stone lots for \$300 for members and \$550 to nonmembers. This is a lower rate than lots that allow for a raised headstone. Derek Miller made a motion, and Jena Kaiser seconded, to offer smaller lots for cremains with some headstone size restrictions for \$300 for members and \$550 to nonmembers. Thank you to Paul Ramberg for sharing his vast knowledge of the cemeteries!

Ken Rimer joined our meeting to discuss the upcoming parsonage project. The parsonage needs new siding, many new windows, gutters, insulation, and new stairs and handrail for the front entrance. Rich Cronk made a motion, and Derek Miller seconded, to remove and install new siding and windows as well as add insulation before this winter if the quote from Ken Rimer comes in below \$36,000. Ken Rimer and Derek Miller will meet to choose the best value in products and for the overall

budget. Thank you to Ken Rimer for his assistance in the financial planning and knowledge for this project.

An update on Lee Construction installing new maintenance free soffits, a sidewalk update, and undercoating options for the new bus will be given at the next meeting.

Thank you to Cristy Peavy for doing some interior painting. There are more interior painting jobs that need to be completed. Char Vrieze will work with Pastor John to put these painting jobs on the bulletin board.

We are excited to announce that so far we have raised over \$67,300 to put towards our paying down our loan. This does not include the \$50,000 in matching funds from an anonymous member of Peace. There are still a few days left of this "challenge." Thank you to everyone who has donated towards paying down our loan! Currently, the Board of Trustees plans to wait until our loan renews and then discuss if there is a need to lower some of our reserves and put them towards our loan. There will be a Thank You Picnic on September 16 to say thank you to everyone for generously giving to Peace!

Rich Cronk locked in a pre-buy fuel price for 8,000 at \$1.26/gallon from Lakes Gas. Rich Cronk also sold the old John Deere lawnmower for \$700.

Char Vrieze spoke with Focus on Energy and shared that Peace does qualify for a rebate. We will not know the amount we qualify for until we get a bid on the LED lights.

New Business – There is a need to replace a sump pump. We hope that this project will be completed soon.

Folder Items – none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Jena Kaiser



BOARD of DEACONS

August 26, 2018

Those present were Peder, Carla, Joan, Jim Jr., Jeff, Sue, and Amy H. We met to assign duties for September. Deacons will meet again between services, on September 16. The

Deacons wish to thank those that help make the services run smoothly: acolytes, greeters, lectors, Communion assistants, ushers, counters, those that provide snacks for fellowship, musicians, and Barb Romberg for the gorgeous flowers every week. We thank you for participating in YOUR church.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Gillis

WOMEN of PEACE DATES

General Meeting – 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 5, at Church

Joy Circle – 1:30 p.m., Thursday, September 13, at Church. Verla Solberg is hostess.

Work Day – 9:00 a.m., Monday, September 17

Please remember the **Food Pantry**. The “Lord’s Cupboard” is at the north end of the Fellowship Hall. Food may be dropped off anytime the church is open.



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT			
<i>Weekly</i> budgeted expenses (w/mortgage)	\$ 8,468	<i>YTD</i> budgeted expenses (07/31/18)	\$ 252,757
<i>Weekly</i> income (08/19/18)	\$ 8,471	<i>YTD</i> income (07/31/18)	\$ 250,390
Difference	\$ + 3	Difference	\$ - 2,367
01/01/18 Loan Balance	Mortgage Payments/Month	08/20/18 Loan Balance	
\$ 826,316.97	\$8,184.00	\$567,225.98!!	



	8:00	10:30
August 5	65	53
August 12	57	41
August 19	58	42
August 26	98	73

CANS and CARTRIDGES - We collect aluminum cans and inkjet and deskjet toner cartridges as fundraisers for the Building Fund. We cannot take laserjet cartridges. Cans can be thrown in the trailer at the north end of the farthest parking lot (up by the new shed) and cartridges can be left in the box in the entry by the office.

SEPTEMBER SCRIP ORDERS - The September deadline for ordering Scrip is **September 2** (Labor Day weekend). Your order will be ready for pick up the following Sunday, Sept. 9. Debit/credit cards may also be used to pay for scrip orders. Use the card terminal in the narthex of church (directions are located next to the unit). To place an order, simply complete your order form (at the Scrip station in the narthex and on our website) and place it in an envelope along with your cash, check or debit/credit card slip. Place your envelope in the wooden Scrip box located in the middle church office or in either of the drop boxes. If you have any questions regarding the Scrip program and how easy it is to use, please contact Sharon Hauschild 715-307-2531 (cell). Thank you!



Gifts and Memorials

Gifts were received in memory of Muriel Rasmusson, Stan Hanson, Ruthie TeGrootenhuis, Delores Lind, John Newton, Dan Rowe’s birthday, Alisa Leonard, Leland Wilson, Nancy Phernetton, Shirley Goossens, and Dan Mahoney. Gifts were also received in honor of Craig & Gloria Rasmussen’s 50th Anniversary. They were given to the Love of Peace, Choir, Debt Challenge, and Building Fund.

PEACE MENTOR PROGRAM – Anyone that might be in need a mentor or know of someone else that might be, or anyone interested in being a mentor and getting more information about it, please reach out to Leann Huston at 715.556.2129 or lhuston13@yahoo.com.

Hello, my name is Pauline Wangen and I am the new Director of Family Ministries. I can be reached at pauline.wangen@gmail.com or 651-210-5106.



Over 55 Group - Anyone 55 and older is invited to join us at church for games, lunch, fellowship and fun. When: Tuesday, September 18, 10:00am- 1:00pm. **Please RSVP using google form or by contacting Pauline by September 16**, so I can plan for food and activities. <https://goo.gl/forms/yIOzTAA3E6XIZ3Xo2>

Living the Five Bible Study - We will discover how the principles in *Living the Five* will give us the life we long for and the relationships God wants for us. We will learn the five principles based on the Great Commandment and the Great Commission: 1. You can't do life alone. 2. Growing people change. 3. Saved people serve people. 4. Found people find people. 5. Worship is a lifestyle. Join us on Thursdays from 10:15 - 11:15 am or 6:30-7:30 pm September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18. Books will be available (freewill donation)

Family Swim Day - When: Sunday, September 30, 12:00 - 3:30pm. What: Lunch at church and swimming at Klaas-Jonas Community pool, Ellsworth. The bus will leave at 12:30 and we will swim from 1:00-3:00pm. Cost: \$5.00 per person/\$20 max per family (includes lunch, swimming, bus). **Please RSVP using google form or contacting Pauline by September 21, so we have enough food.** <https://goo.gl/forms/78aOTVB8paHgKdlE2>

Congregational Field trip to Pepin and Nelson, WI - Everyone is invited to attend! When: October 2, 8:30am - 4:30pm. We will take the bus to the birthplace of Laura Ingalls Wilder museum and gift shop in Pepin. Admission cost to museum is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. We will have lunch at Beth's Twin Bluffs cafe and then stop at Nelson Cheese Factory. Free Will donation for the bus. **Please RSVP using google form or contacting Pauline by September 28** <https://goo.gl/forms/pV5QcmisfGlcFtJn1>

Adult Respite Program - We will be starting an Adult Respite Program at Peace, and I am looking for volunteers to help get it started. Please contact Pauline Wangen at pauline.wangen@gmail.com or 651-210-5106 if you are interested or would like more information.



Greetings! My name is Laurel Carlson and I am the new Youth Director. I am working on revamping the Youth on Fire program as well as the young adult Bible study. I can be reached at carlsonl3@csp.edu or 715-781-0862.

Youth on Fire (YOF): Youth on Fire is for students in **grades 8 through 12**.

The goal of this group is to give students a place where they feel welcome and can connect with others their age in a faith-based environment while participating in fun activities. This year I am planning more consistent monthly activities, which may include rock climbing, winter bonfire, trip to an apple orchard and more. I am also open to suggestions about event ideas. **STARTS 9/26.**

Young Adult Bible Study: In the past, youth **grades 10 to 12** have had a Bible study on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 8:00pm. This year, instead of having Bible study on Wednesday nights, I am going to be hosting a Bible study for this age group on Sunday mornings between services starting at 9:15. **STARTS 9/16.**

Young Adult Fellowship: On Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 8:00pm, youth in **grades 10 through 12** are welcome to come to church for a casual night of devotions, games, activities and time for fellowship with myself and others their age. Attendance is not required for the entire evening; however, I will be available until at least 8:00pm. **STARTS 9/19.**

WANTED: We need to update our email list for Youth on Fire and the Young Adult Group. If you, a parent, grandparent, student or member of the congregation would like to be added to the list, please email me with an updated email address. I want to make sure you get all the important information about the upcoming year.

Guess What? Your friends are invited, too!! Bring them all!! Everyone is welcome!!!!

22st Annual Silent Auction

Sunday, Sept. 23 is the opening of Peace's 22st Annual Silent Auction. Over the years funds raised have gone to furnish the present sanctuary, help with restoration of artifacts from the red brick church, and pay down our present building debt. This year the monies raised will be divided between parsonage renovation and building debt. How can you help? You have many ways to help. Providing items to bid on is the first way that comes to mind. All sorts of items are needed and wanted. God gave each of us talents and skills that we can turn into items for bidding. Crafts, services, baked goods, garden produce, rental of your cabin or timeshare, gift certificates and more are always appreciated. If providing an item to be bid on is not for you, please remember we also need bidders. Bidders are necessary to make the Silent Auction successful. The Auction will be set up on Friday morning, Sept. 21 at 9:00am. Please have your items at church by this time and fill out the bid sheet with the value of the item and your name as donator. If you have any questions please contact Barb Ramberg, Chairwoman of the Silent Auction for many years now. The Auction will close at 10:25am, Sunday, Oct. 7. All bids need to be placed prior to this time. Thank you very much for your donations and your bids!

The Silent Auction Committee

Dear Peace Members,

What a wonderful outpouring of love as you reached out to Douglas and me during this time of our daughter Alisa Leonard's death. We hope in time our hearts will heal as we seek to understand the "whys" of life. Thank you for the beautiful cards and memorial gifts. You will always be our church family! We treasure our time together always. Thank you, too, for all the prayers given for Alisa and our family. God's Grace is a source of comfort to us and we felt uplifted through your kind words. Thank you!

Douglas and Randvig Norvold

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY - The fall session of Financial Peace University will begin Sunday, September 23 at 6pm. You don't have to be "broke" to take this class! EVERYONE should take this class: People who either graduated or dropped out of high school / College students / College graduates / Single people / married people / parent(s) with young kids / parent(s) with teenagers / parent(s) with college students / empty-nesters / retirees. Did I miss anyone? EVERYONE needs this class! The class costs \$100 and will meet every Sunday evening for 9 weeks. Please contact Lisa at 715-688-9618 or sign up for the Peace Lutheran class on daveramsey.com. Childcare can be available if you let me know you need it! No Excuses!



Happy Birthday!

1 - Alessiah
DiBona/Josh
Newton/Kaden
Dykhouse - 2 -
Missy Gessler/Abby
Hanson/Gabby

Monicken/Cameron Winger - 3 - Tashia Parizek/Peder
Parizek - 4 - Dustin Helgeson/Elisa Thoen/Kelson Klin
5 - Bryce Leque/Alisa Lindus - 6 - Nancy Jacobson/
Jesse Harshman/Bryce Paulson - 7 - Rich Cronk/
Merrick Paulson - 8 - Ciarra Letter/Maddi Pickerign
9 - Bridget Gooding/Rusty Roy/Trevor Woyda - 11 -
Blakely Helgeson - 12 - Joe Winger/Vaughan Smestad

13 - Terry Helgeson/Brad Schumacher/Heather
Harshman/Ella Demulling - 14 - Joan Mentink/Kari
Wangen - 15 - Gloria Rasmussen - 16 - Jon Eggen/Danny
Martino - 17 - Hilda Gooding - 18 - Annie Dunn/Jason
Thoen/Addy Corrigan - 19 - Melanie Greenfield/Jen
Weiss/Hunter Clausen - 20 - Ken Everson/Carla
O'Connell/Will Kroening - 21 - Brent Paulson/Levi
Larson - 22 - Laura Bishop/Robin Sampson/Mike
Weiske/Whitney Feidt/Kendra Huston/Brayden Klin
23 - Gail Possley/JoDean Ford - 25 - Jesse Gardner/
Graidon Monicken - 26 - Chris Iverson/Emily Olsem
28 - Connor Ofstie/Kaia Jacobson - 29 - Peter
Walen/Jacob Grodevant/Myla Polk - 30 - Nathan
Thompson

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RALLY DAY - Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 9, for Rally Day, our first day of Sunday school!! Registration forms are in the narthex and in the church office, or you can register on Rally Day. If you would like to help by being a substitute or special teacher, please let Jody Ramberg know at jody@bilha.org or 715.977.0593. Thank you!

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE – is Friday, **September 7** (8 to 5) and Saturday, **September 8** (8 to 12). 11 to 12 on Saturday is FREE! We have lacked for volunteers in the past, so we are asking EVERYONE to consider volunteering for an hour. Proceeds benefit the new playground and His Arms Kenya. Bring donations Sunday, Sept. 2 until Wed., Sept. 5. We encourage volunteers to come anytime - even in the evenings (no need to price items – just sort to correct area). Men are especially needed for clean up beginning at 11 am on Saturday - it takes a village to put on the rummage sale and we are counting on you! Once you have worked at least an hour you may pre-shop, but you are not allowed to start piling items until you work. Please consider donating and help spread the word on Facebook and to your neighbors. Potluck lunch on Thursday for all workers. WE NEED HELP, and this is a great way to meet more people. If you have questions, ask Nancy Rowe at 715.531.8784 or ndrowes@yahoo.com. THANKS FOR DONATING AND HELPING!!!

SCHOOL ITEMS FOR GUATEMALA - The Guatemalan Mission Team is collecting the following items: glue sticks, pens, pencils, colored pencils, color crayons (24 pk), coloring books, rulers, pencil sharpeners and youth scissors. If you are willing to help us out, we would greatly appreciate donations before the end of September! There is a box on the round table outside Amy's office for donations. If you have any questions, please call Gloria at 715-698-4155. THANK YOU!

DO YOU LIKE TO EAT? Logos Family Time needs adults to be paired with tables of kids each Wednesday during the meal portion of our program (the time is brief – roughly 45 minutes). We would like to have two per table, so we would gladly accept husband and wife teams or singles to be matched up with others. Please prayerfully consider this and contact Kari Wangen at (715) 505-2585 for more information.

PUZZLE EXCHANGE! There are several of us that enjoy puzzles, so we've put a box in the back of the church for a puzzle exchange. After you complete a puzzle, add it to the box for someone else to enjoy and then find another puzzle to take home for you to enjoy.

TUESDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER – It is Peace's turn to cook and serve the Community Supper at Gethsemane Lutheran on Tuesday, October 2. We will be partnering with St. Croix Electric. Please watch for sign-up sheets at church as it gets closer.

DAN ROWE MEMORIAL WALKATHON - Save **October 14** for this year's **Walkathon** during Sunday School. All ages (3 to 93) are invited to gather pledges and walk the trail! Everyone who raises \$25 or more will be gifted a His Arms shirt (check the usher stand for pledge forms). Funds will be used to help primary and secondary kids in Western Kenya with His Arms attend school – a dream for many kids! The top three children fundraisers will win a prize from Kenya. / Also, on that day we will have continental breakfast with freewill offering for Ebumbayi school in Western Kenya. June's Kenya team was startled to see so many malnourished children. These funds will help feed the school of 500 two protein meals per week. Culver's of Baldwin plans to join us for special treats and drawings. It is **KENYA DAY at Peace!** Tell your friends - you don't have to be a member to participate. HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD'S POVERTY SITUATION! Asante sana!



WHAT IS LOGOS?

LOGOS is a weekly intergenerational experience for children where all ages learn, experience, and practice the art of Christian relationships. We eat, play, study, and pray together. Please consider making this program part of your family's schedule. Come and find out more at our parent meeting on **September 12** at 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend the meeting or would like more information, please call Julie Hanson at 715-220-5149.



The congregation is invited to a **THANK YOU PICNIC** on September 16 following the second service. A pig roast with beverages, chips, beans, coleslaw, buns, and dessert will be served and there will be games for the kids.

The Stewardship Committee greatly appreciates all that you have done for our church. Join us as we say thanks!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9 RALLY DAY 8 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 SS & Adult Ed 9:15 Confirmation Meeting 7:15 - 10:15 Pancake Breakfast 3:00 Scouts	10 6:00 Board of Ed 6:30 Guatemala	11 9:30 Worship @ BW Apts. 5:00 Scouts 6:00 Trustees	12 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Celebration Singers 6:30 Logos Board Mtg. 7:00 Logos Parent Meeting	13 9:30 Prayer Time 1:30 Joy Circle 6:30 Beekeepers	14	15
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