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# **Tidings of Peace Newsletter**

# **PEACE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

- 1. In-person at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. on Sundays
- 2. On Facebook (streamed live at 8:00 a.m. and then posted following the service)
- 3. On Cable Channel 16 at 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:00 a.m. Wednesdays
- 4. On YouTube anytime (search for Peace Lutheran Church Baldwin)

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Peace Lutheran Church (a place of welcome...)
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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.
(September to April)

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Leann Huston

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Pauline Wangen

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Angela Mathison & Chris Corrigan / Jerry Emmert & Tiffanie Grodevant / Gloria Rasmussen &



# ...our President

Summer flew by in the blink of any eye, but it has been a busy one.

I was able to chaperone the youth mission trip to Philadelphia. We had six wonderful youth and five chaperones. We stayed busy with maintenance work, serving food, packing food, and exploring. Pastor John was able to get us a VIP tour of Independence Hall because of his connections.

Worship and Bible studies continued throughout the summer.

The Call Committee was busy getting the job posting for a pastor together. They screened applications and did online interviews. They felt that an in-person interview was needed with one of the applicants, and he agreed to come for the weekend and do the sermon.

The Transition Committee and all committees continued to support the Call Committee. Council meetings continued to take place to do the work of the church.

Rally Sunday kicked off the school year. We have over 100 kids enrolled in Sunday school and 39 in Confirmation! It is wonderful to have the pitter patter of feet in the halls on Sunday mornings.

I want to thank everyone for their continued support of Peace. Our budget continues to be in the black because of your generous financial support. Our programs continue because of all the volunteers. Thank you again for all that you do for Peace.

The number one question that I get about adding another pastor is, "How are we going to pay for them?" Another pastor will cost us about the same monthly as our previous mortgage payment did. We were able to make that payment every month. We have done it before and will be able to do it moving forward. It is by this congregation's generous support that we will be able to grow God's ministry.

Peder Parizek, Council President

# "Peace needs...help."

One of the most difficult asks any of us can make is for assistance. For some, it is a sign of weakness or vulnerability. But for me, it can be something more important. It is a sign of connectedness and belonging. It is rather easy to ask, "How can I help you?" because it puts us in the position as helper and also gives some control in the way the aid is administered. But, right now, I am asking for you to help us. Please, please, consider this ask.

As you may already know, Peace Lutheran Church is interviewing for a pastor to serve in our communities. Our congregation is offering housing as a benefit to both Peace and possibly a pastor with a family. The benefit is that the pastor will walk into a residence that is ready for occupancy and our congregation will receive a staff member that is readily accessible and onsite. Historically, our congregation has come to rely on this benefit for most of the 161 years of our church's existence.

The Call Committee has interviewed one candidate, but we have not issued a "Letter of Call," so this is a time of discernment for both our congregation and the candidate. We will be holding a Congregational Meeting when the time comes for us to officially Call a candidate. We will vote on the candidate and their salary/benefit package. We will then wait to see if they accept the Call.

But, for now, we prepare our place to receive a family. Please help and pray for us.

For the project, we could hire this out. We could make a plan, request bids, develop a cost analysis for the project, fund raise, and find someone to oversee this project. All this would require additional time and costs. Or, we can ask for assistance from our very diverse population with impressive skill sets to get this done.

So, I'm asking on behalf of the Church, the people of Peace Lutheran, will you help us? We need to prepare the parsonage for some updates. The Board of Trustees has made a rather complete list of tasks which includes some of the following:

Repair any blemishes to the building. This includes the walls, doors and cupboards.

Remove the popcorn ceiling and complete a knockdown finish. We want to prime the walls and ceiling and then later paint them with the color scheme the new family could request.

Remove floor covering in the basement. (I have requested the help of some very qualified young people to clear it out. I have confidence that the confirmation students can pull that off in short order!!)

There will also be some deep cleaning required as we move through the project.

And, as with any project, we can always use some food/snacks to help the workers.

Don't have the skill or the ability to help with these tasks? Then help us recruit others to help. This project will cost us, but the sweat equity will save us considerably. So, we will need to purchase resources and your financial assistance would aid us.

Once again, we are early in this process that we have talked about for some time, and it will take time to complete. Even though we have interviewed a candidate, this is a time of discernment for both our congregation and the candidate.

People of Peace, will you help? Please help and pray for us.



# BOARD of DEACONS September 10, 2023

Present: Josh, Rachel, Joy and Sharon.

It was noted that Josh and Nicole will have served their

three-year term as Deacon. Josh indicated he will not be running again. Will check at next meeting as to what Nicole's plans are.

Next meeting will be October 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 a.m. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Hauschild, secretary



# BOARD of STEWARDSHIP September 10, 2023

We served refreshments for Rally Sunday.

Respectfully submitted, DeAnn Ashlin



# BOARD of EDUCATION September 11, 2023

Members present: Angie, Angela, Leah, Missi, Laurie, Stacy.

Rally Day – was a success. Kids loved the bounce houses!

Council meeting – Stacy will attend 9/19 meeting at 7pm.

Mission update – Stacy talked to Pauline, and we decided on the following: September: School supplies / October: Kenya mission / November: Food pantry / December: Gifts for children / January: Am Red Cross/Hawaii Fires / February: Halos / March: Grace Place / April: Operation Help.

Silent Messengers – discussed inviting them to Peace to show their Christmas program – Angela will follow up with Brad & Gina.

Pancake breakfast – date is set for January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Family Valentine's Dance – will be in February 2024, stay tuned for details.

We are still looking for the following: Music leader for the 3<sup>rd</sup> – Confirmation group / Christmas program director for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> graders / Confirmation teacher / High School Sunday School teacher. Please reach out to Angie Bierwerth or any of the Board of Education members if you are interested.

Next meeting: October 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Stacy Shafer



# BOARD of TRUSTEES September 17, 2023

Call to order: Jim called the

meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Those attending were Jim Hauschild Sr., Cole Tobin, Weston Arndt, Jeanette Dahl, Chris Iverson, Cristy Peavey, and Amy Hutchins. Dick Ulrich attended virtually, and Pastor John Hanson attended part of the meeting.

**Secretary's Report**: All Trustees have received the minutes from the August 13 meeting. Jeanette made a motion to approve the minutes and Cole seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**: Cristy reviewed the August report, mentioning the prepayment for propane as the largest change in expenses. Weston made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Chris seconded. Motion carried. **Old Business:** 

- 1. Endowment Fund Waiting for a fall meeting to invite Joan Bartz to a meeting.
- 2. Peace Child Care Discussed the staffing needs and the availability to seek a new set of grants as a new entity. John talked about discussions with Western Wisconsin Health and the Partner Up! grant program. Also discussed facilitating a meeting with the new director of the Family Resource Center.
- 3. Facility Maintenance
  - a. Roof improvements: The core drilling and investigative work by Roof Tech has cost about \$2,500 to date. They are working with subcontractor to plan repairs, estimated at \$10,000. Additionally, the estimate for repairs to the sanctuary roof is \$2,500. We do not plan to pursue an additional insurance claim for this work.

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- b. Parsonage improvements: Trustees will be seeking volunteers soon for work in the parsonage. Cole has a list of measures developed to address. Window will be replaced soon.
- c. Four security cameras installed by Rich are operational. Discussed the monitoring process.
- d. Flagstone has been removed. Concrete poured. Thank you to those who assisted!
- 4. New Pastoral Compensation Discussed the process and best practices provided by various entities.
- 5. Pastoral Office Space No need to complete work until new pastor begins.

#### **New Business:**

- 1. Discussed the process for developing the 2024 budget. Amy will provide information leading up to the October meeting.
- 2. Discussed grounds care in winter as well as the skid steer. Wes will discuss with Rich and LaVonne.

Next meeting date: October 15, 9:15 am Next council representative: Weston.

**Next month's review of books**: Dick and Jeanette. **Adjournment**: Motion by Weston and seconded by Jeanette to adjourn 10:25 am and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Weston Arndt



#### **WOMEN of PEACE**

The Women of Peace will meet on Thursday, October 12, at 1:30 p.m. with Bonnie Braymen as hostess and Bible study on Jezebel.

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**CELEBRATION SINGERS** - Celebration Singers is one of our choirs at Peace. If you are in high school, in your 90s, or anywhere in between, this is the choir for you! If you like to sing, please join us Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30. For more information call Jan at 715-977-0515.

TUESDAY COMMUNITY SUPPER – The next TCS is October 3, from 5pm – 6pm in the Fellowship Hall at Gethsemane. Please come and enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors. The TCS is served the first Tuesday of the month at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Baldwin. This is a free meal open to anyone in the community. Area churches, businesses and organizations take turns preparing and serving good nutritious food.

ANNUAL DAN ROWE MEMORIAL WALKATHON - Between services on October 8, join us to remember Dan and raise funds for Kenyan education. All ages can participate! Sunday School children will compete for three prizes from Africa by getting the most donations (ask your SS teacher or Angie Bierwerth for forms). All who participate will receive a shirt as long as supplies last. Thanks for helping to make the world a better place for our sisters and brothers in Kenya. ASANTE SANA! Thank you!

**BAKE SALE and BREAKFAST** – Sunday, **October 15**, the Kenya Mission Trip Team will be hosting a bake sale and light breakfast between services to benefit the trip and projects while there. We really appreciate your purchases and will even have some gluten free baked goods. Please come help the team leaving January 1 get to Kenya to help the recent high school graduates, which include eight of our kids. We are so proud of them! Thanks for your support. (This is a Thrivent Action Project).

**NEW MEMBERS** – If you are interested in becoming a member of Peace, please contact the office at office@welcometopeace.org or 715-684-2770, and we will set up a time for you to meet with Pastor John.

**PEACE'S TURN TO SERVE** – It is Peace Lutheran's turn to cook and serve the community supper on Tuesday, November 7, at Gethsemane Lutheran. Watch for a sign-up sheet.

Leann Huston is the Youth Director at Peace (Ihuston13@yahoo.com or 715-556-2129).

YOUTH on FIRE - is a program open to all 8th - 12th graders. Our goal is to encourage and strengthen your faith while teaching you to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Currently, Youth on Fire holds a monthly activity, and we also offer bible studies at different times. Each year in June we take our church bus on a week-long mission trip somewhere throughout the USA to a location or area that needs our help. Please join us and bring a friend if you or they are in 8-12th grade!

October 28 – Put October 28 on your calendars now, and plan to join us for an evening of fun fall events including a haunted maze (time to be determined)! Watch for more information and exact times coming soon.

Leann's contact info: Call or text 715.556.2129 or email <a href="mailto:lhuston13@yahoo.com">lhuston13@yahoo.com</a>.

# Pauline Wangen is the Director of Family Ministries (pauline.wangen@gmail.com or 651-210-5106).



October Donations for Kenya Mission - We are collecting reading glasses and trail mix. Please put items in blue donation box in entryway by October 31st.

# Over 55 BINGO and Potluck - Thursday, October 5, 10:00am-1:00pm

Join us for BINGO, potluck lunch and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass.

#### Blood Pressure Checks - Sunday, October 1

Blood Pressure checks are offered one Sunday of the month between church services, typically the first Sunday of the month. Look for signs in the Fellowship Hall.

## Monday Night Bible Study - September 11 to October 16, 6:30 p.m.

Kindness - Reaching Out to Others. This Fruit of the Spirit Bible study helps us appreciate God's kindness to us so that we will be motivated to show kindness to others.

## October 29 - Hawaiian Luau Recommitment Sunday, October 29

Join us after the recommitment service for a Hawaiian luau. Family Ministries will be serving pork sandwiches, baked beans, chips, dessert, and beverages. *Donations will be sent to the Hawaiian Disaster Relief Fund* 

#### **ONGOING Weekly Ministries at Peace**

**TOPS Club** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). Meetings are weekly on Thursdays from 5:15-6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, check out www.tops.org or contact Pauline Wangen.

Bible Study – Saturdays at 9:00 am in person or on Zoom. Contact Pauline for login.

Bible Study – Sundays between services in person or on Zoom. Contact Pauline for login.

Rise & (Son)Shine – Join us on Thursdays from 7-8:30 a.m. at church for Bible study and exercise. Contact Cheri Rott for more information (cherigary@gmail.com).

### Gifts and Memorials

Gifts were received in memory of Jeanette Dahl's sister and Curt Wilson.



#### OCTOBER SCRIP ORDERS

The October deadline for ordering Scrip is **Sunday**, **October 1**. Your order will be ready for pick up on the following Sunday. **Debit/credit cards may 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 (blank forms are

at the Scrip station in the narthex and on the website) and place it in an envelope along with your **cash**, **check or debit/credit card slip.** Place your envelope in either of the church 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!

### PASTORAL ACTS

August 26 - Wedding service for Nicholas Pack and Rachel Mannon

**September 2** – Wedding service for Ashley Meyer and Bret Timberlake (off-site, non-member)

**September 16** – Wedding service for Jenna Hovde and Austin Jacobson (off-site, non-member)



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.

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 (PLEASE THROW THEM IN LOOSE – NO BAGS) and cartridges can be left in the box in the entry by the office.

MAILING NEWSLETTERS – Starting in January 2024, we will no longer automatically mail newsletters to everyone. We are more than happy to keep mailing to those that would like to continue to receive them, so please, before the end of the year, let the office know (office@welcometopeace.org or 715-684-2770 or a note in the office) if you would like to continue receiving a paper copy of the newsletter. If we do not hear from you, we will not mail it starting with the February 2024 issue. If you would prefer an electronic copy, you can sign up to get the newsletter by email on the home page of our website (welcometopeace.org).







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# TRUNION OR TREAT &

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 FROM 12-2PM

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SMORE'S - TATTOOS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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1 8 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 SS & Adult Bible Study Blood Pressure Checks 10:25 Silent Auction Ends	2 6:30 Bible Study	3	4 LOGOS 6:#0 Confirmation 6:30 Celebration Singers	5 7:30 Rise/Sonshine 10:00 Over 55 5:15 TOPS	7:00 Al-Anon	7 9:00 Bible Study
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29 RECOMMITMENT SUNDAY 9:30 Worship 11:00 Lunch 12:00 Trunk or Treat	30	31				