

Bits & Peaces

By God's grace we share the gift of love with all creation through worship, education, fellowship and stewardship.

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From the Pastor's Desk



Sometimes...when the world around us is chaotic and scary, we need to remember to hold hands and walk alongside one another—helping each other in whatever ways we are able.

As I took this photo, I was loving the artistic clarity of the reflections of these friends as they walked together exploring the shoreline of Lake Superior. The beauty of the moment—the inter-racial bonds, the laughter, the excitement of exploring the rocky inlet—did not escape me. Behind my camera is one of the places that I often “see” the in-breaking of God in the midst of our journeys.

As we enter the season of Advent in the weeks to come, I encourage you to look for the ways God breaks into your world with joy, peace and love. Those times are the “thin places” where the human and divine intersect in ways that fill us up, at least momentarily, with all that it means to be whole.

May all of those things be part of your world—especially this Advent!

Peace, PK



ADVENT FESTIVAL

FOR EVERYONE...

Congregation Families, Preschool Families,
Friends and Neighbors.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

5:00-7:00 PM



WHAT: Dinner, Advent Crafts & Projects for children and people of all ages, Advent Stories and Advent Worship Celebration to start the season.

COST: Free will offering! Proceeds will be used to help Patti Bowe (Peace Preschool teacher actively fighting cancer)

WHO: You and Everyone You Know

WHERE: Peace Lutheran Church

WHY: To help you and your family prepare your home for advent.



ADVENT *in* ACTION

What Advent project is your favorite?



SAVE THE DATE ... and stay tuned for more details.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

9:00am ~ 4th Sunday of Advent Worship

3:00pm ~ Christmas Carol Worship

5:00pm ~ Festival Worship

7:00pm ~ Candlelight Worship





PEACE PUBLIC HOUSE - Soup Kitchen Supper

Sunday, December 10 at 6:00 PM

For our next meeting we welcome Tyrg Knutson who will share his passion for service and stories from his annual service trip to Guatemala.

The Peace Public House is a monthly gathering to create community sabbath space for the purpose of having meaningful and practical conversation about what God is speaking through scripture and our life experiences. The Soup Kitchen Suppers include a humble meal of soup, bread and drink. People meet at the home of Pastors Doug and Karen (which is ADA friendly). All adults are welcome, friends too. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the Narthex or by emailing your reservation to peace@peaceinwaunakee.org so we can provide directions and tell you about our new parking plan. Friends are welcome.



We begin with gathering time, then focus on the storyteller of the evening with some simple appetizers, then enjoy a meal of warm soup and hearty conversation and finish the evening with a simple dessert and a blessing for the road.

Come, explore your faith and expand your spiritual practice by entering into the stories of ordinary people trying to live faithful lives. Questions? Talk to Pastor Karen or Pastor Doug.

WHAT'S UP AT 8?

Sunday Mornings at 8:00 AM

Want to gain insight from cutting edge theological thought? Join Intern Tom on Sunday mornings at 8:00 to learn about what he is learning at seminary. Each week will provide an opportunity to hear something that Tom is learning about and ponder it aloud with him. He has lots of interesting coursework. Of course, donut holes and hot coffee are part of the conversation.



COFFEE & CHOCOLATE @ 9:00 AM

Join Pastor Doug on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at Peace to discuss the theology of Martin Luther and his famous line, "This is most certainly true". We are studying the Small Catechism in depth and having great conversations about what Luther meant and how it applies to our world today. You are welcome on any Thursday that you are available. Conversation will accompany hot cocoa or chunks of brown sweet healthy yum along with a hot steaming cup of coffee or tea.



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COMMON TABLE CAFÉ

5:00-6:15 PM on Wednesdays

Fellowship Hall

Whether you worship Wednesdays, Saturdays or Sundays, the Common Table Café on Wednesday evenings is a great place to experience a mid week break. Featuring a salad bar, a fussy eatery bar, main entrée, and dessert bar, there are options for everyone. Join in conversations about life, faith, and hope during dinner with community. All are welcome.



Counting our Blessings

During the month of November, most of our thoughts turn to gratitude. It's vital for us to reflect on the countless blessings that bring joy and successful learning to the Preschool classrooms. Even creating a short list of gratitude requires us to take pause and recognize the true beauty of God's goodness in our lives each and every day.

During the past year we have been touched by some amazing people and events...

- Our dedicated teachers and staff. All of them put everything possible into creating an early childhood educational environment of the highest quality.
- Our beautiful school space. From the sun filled, expansive classrooms to the large space to play and explore in the outdoors, our facility is second to none, one we are so lucky and proud to call home due to the common ministry we share with Peace Lutheran. Amazing upgrades this year include the beautiful Friendship Room and Bumble Bee playground.
- Our involved parents. The number of tasks attended to by parents is very much appreciated. We have moms and dads volunteer and help in the classrooms, help with classroom prep work, making playdough and more. Our annual food drive we are holding this November will certainly fill both of our wooden storage bins. The fundraiser in the spring for one of our teachers battling cancer was fully orchestrated by parents!
- Our supportive congregation. The skills and talents shared by so many of our congregation members is something we could not do without. From repairs in the classroom, playground to helping keep our building organized, we have folks contributing.
- Or ability to give out scholarships. Due to the partnership with the church community we can continue to build this important ministry.

And lastly, but certainly not least - our beautiful, wonderful children who bless our lives each and every day with their eagerness to learn and belong in God's amazing world!



Advent By Candlelight

Monday, December 4 at 6:30pm

This is a special time for women to gather for a time of spiritual reflection of the Advent season. Beautiful decorations and fellowship (and desserts and wine!) provide a delightful atmosphere for women of all ages to enjoy music and devotions by candlelight, in Fellowship Hall.

Sign up on the narthex bulletin board if you would like to attend.

Sign up if you would like to provide a dessert or a bottle of wine!



Thank you to all who contributed to the Reformation Campaign. Between this campaign and the 'Hakuna Matata' drive at Easter, **we are within \$450 of our 28K Growth in Giving goal** for our annual budget. YAY! and THANK YOU!

Thank you.

Dear Members of Peace,

I write with love in my heart and many wonderful memories as I think about my last official Sunday playing the organ at Peace Lutheran Church. I was very humbled to receive the beautiful roses and the 100 year old organ pipe on Reformation Sunday. I have been privileged for these many years to sit on the organ bench and lead you in the beautiful service music that we enjoy. I pray by playing music and to lead you in the hymns when you are singing in parts and raising your voices to the heavens is so very special. Thank you for making this Sunday very special for me and one that I will always remember.

Elaine Mischler

'The Times, They are A'Changing'and we are now experiencing a change in our music program. On Reformation Sunday we recognized the retirement of our wonderful organist, Elaine Mischler. Thank you for all your years of dedication to our worship on the organ, Elaine. We now welcome a new wonderful organist, Penny Jacobsen, who, along with her husband, Vern, is a member of our congregation. We look forward to her leadership in our worship, which started the weekend of Nov. 4/5.

To All Women Who Plan to Attend Advent by Candlelight: If you would like to participate in the women's choral group that will sing that evening, Dec. 4th, and are not a member of our Peace Choir, please contact Sherry Johnson immediately. Rehearsals for the song are every Sunday from 11:00-11:15 a.m. in the music room beginning Nov. 5th. This song will also be sung on Christmas Eve so you are welcome to join the Choir women that evening as well if you would like. SJohnson@peaceinwaunakee.org or 849-5736.

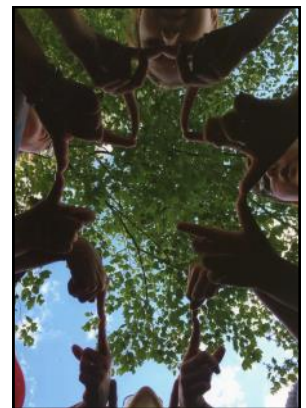
Bass Guitar: Do you have one and play one? Resurrection is looking for a bass guitarist to join their ensemble. We rehearse on Monday evenings at 6:00 and would love to hear from that person who is presently hiding his/her talent in this area. Please contact Sherry Johnson. SJohnson@peaceinwaunakee.org or 849-5736.



Want to become a member of the Peace Community?

If you are not yet a member of Peace, you are invited to join the Peace Lutheran Church community of faith. Becoming a member of Peace Lutheran Church is easy—filling out a form that provides the usual information—name, address, etc. and chatting with one of our pastors. The benefits include being part of an energized, dynamic, grace-infused growing community of people who care about the world and the promises Christ has given to all people. Together we are boundless in creating positive change in the world.

Join us and help Peace become stronger and even better equipped to do more! Questions? Talk to Pastor Doug, email him at dlocken@peaceinwaunakee.org, or give him a call at 608.849.7322.



Are You a Thrivent member?

If so, have you directed your Thrivent Choice Dollars anywhere? If not, would you be willing to direct your Choice dollars to the ministries of Peace Lutheran Church? Often, we are told, Thrivent Choice Dollars go undirected and thereby, are not used. Peace ministries and our outreach programs could benefit by such gifts. If you are a Thrivent member and need help to access this Choice Dollar opportunity, please contact your agent or email the church, or talk to Joel Albers or Dave Smith on the Peace Economic Development Team.

LifeTouch Complimentary Portraits are IN!

Every family, couple or individual who had their church directory photo taken by LifeTouch in September receives a complimentary portrait. These are on a table in the narthex. Please take yours home today.



Pill Bottle Donations

We can help improve medical care in developing countries, and also care for our environment. An organization that will ship them wherever they are needed. Matthew25: Ministries in Blue Ash, Ohio, will forward the bottles we send them. We do need to strip off the labels and wash the bottles.

Acceptable pill bottles include:

- ◆ Prescription and over-the-counter
- ◆ Any Color—Bottle Large and Small
- ◆ With and without child-resistant caps



PLEASE REMOVE LABELS FROM EACH PILL BOTTLE before turning them in. A collection bin is in the church narthex. Contact Sue Hineline with any questions at 608-849-5507, sehinel@yahoo.com, or drop a note in the Hineline's mailbox at Peace Church.



The Advent Nativity Walk!

Saturday eve, Dec 9 and Sunday morn, Dec 10

Picture this ... The snow is falling, the December air is crisp, and you and your family are spending the evening / morning worship together, appreciating the many nativity scenes displayed in the warm glow of Fellowship Hall. You hear Christmas carols on your stroll as you admire these Peace family manger scenes, large and small, ornate and simple.

It's the beginning of the Advent season. And we hope that you come and take a 'walk'. It will be on Saturday evening, Dec 9 from 4:00pm - 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall, continuing on Sunday morning, Dec 10 (8:30am - 11:30am). Cookies and coffee will be served. Start this Advent season with a Walk.

Be on Display at the 'Walk'

Do you have a nativity scene (or two or three or ...) that can be put on display in Fellowship Hall for December 9 and 10? That would be great! So that we have an idea of the number of manger scenes we'll have 'on loan', please indicate by **signing up on the narthex bulletin board!** You can drop off your nativity scene in a box marked with your name and 'how you received this particular manger scene'. We'd like to list your family name and the history *behind* the manger scene on a display card for the 'walk'. (Forms are on the narthex bulletin board.)

Drop off times at the church office:

Sunday mornings (November 19 and 26) &

Monday - Wednesday (Dec. 4-6) 8am - 4pm

So that you have your manger scene home safe in time for Advent, we are asking that you please pick up your manger scene after the Sunday worship service (on December 10) or make arrangements with the Fellowship Team. Thanks!

OVERTURE SHOWS Winter - Spring - Summer 2018 Season

The PLC Fellowship Team has tickets for some AMAZING events at the Overture Center in Madison.

Sign up posters are on the church narthex bulletin board.

All seating: First 3 rows in 'Circle' All shows at 1:00pm on Sunday

It's so easy to get your tickets. Just sign up on the narthex bulletin boards for the shows you want to see, pay by the deadlines, Jan (in the church office) orders the tickets, they magically arrive in your church mailbox, and you see the show!



Jan 7, 2018 \$99/ticket (Only 9 tickets left!)

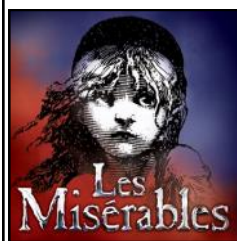
In 1996, an original rock musical by a little-known composer opened on Broadway ... and forever changed the landscape of American theater. Payment is due BY Nov 26, 2017, payable to Peace Church.



March 4, 2018 \$99/txt

It's the new Tony Award-winning musical about an American soldier, a mysterious French girl, and an indomitable European city,

each yearning for a new beginning in the aftermath of war. Payment is due BY January 21, 2018; please write your check to Peace Church. **(ONLY 5 TICKETS LEFT!)**



April 8, 2018 \$99/ticket

With its glorious new staging and dazzlingly reimagined scenery inspired by the paintings of Victor Hugo, this breathtaking new production has left both audiences and critics awestruck. Featuring the thrilling score and beloved songs "I Dreamed

a Dream," "On My Own," "Stars," "Bring Him Home," "One Day More," and many more. **26 tickets are reserved; only 3 tickets left!** Payment is due BY February 25, 2018. Write check to PLC.

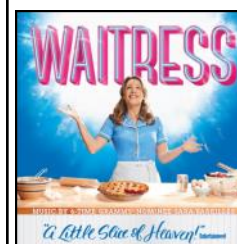
On Your Feet!

The Story of Emilio and Gloria Estefan

May 20, 2018 \$60/ticket

From international superstardom to life-threatening tragedy, **ON YOUR FEET!** takes you behind the music and inside the real story of this record-making and groundbreaking couple, Emilio and Gloria Estefan, who, in the face of adversity, found a way to end up on their feet. **ON YOUR FEET!** features some of the most iconic songs of the past quarter-century.

Payment is due BY April 8, 2018; please write your check to Peace Church. **(ONLY 9 TICKETS LEFT!)**



July 29, 2018 \$99/ticket

Brought to life by a groundbreaking all-female creative team, this irresistible new hit features original music and lyrics by 5-time Grammy nominee Sara Bareilles ("Brave," "Love Song"). Payment is due BY June 3, 2018; please write your check to

Peace Church. **(ONLY 9 TICKETS LEFT!)**

In Our Prayers

Please pray for the following people of Peace ... Millie Paustian, Duane Esse; Sara Kepner; Beth Allison; Chizuyo Fredericks; TJ Valentine; Jaelyn Hicks.

Please pray for the following people ... Tom Hinds (Maggie Ziegler's uncle); Ron Ofstun (Goldie Pavelec's nephew); Gale Ryczek (Katie Bigsby's uncle) Tony (Carolyn Niehoff's coworker); Patti Bowe (Peace Preschool 'Bumblebee Room' teacher); Sandy Carlson (Jon Townley's aunt); Terry Anderson (Kristin Wallner's father); Maddie (a first grade friend of Sarah Schiro's); Jim (friend of Karen Smith); Matthew Miller (Keith and Mary Krinke's daughter's brother-in-law); Brian (M. Lynn Howard's brother); Gretchen Gaynor (friend of Joni Juergens); Allan Marty (Linda Marty Schmitz's brother); Kathy (friend of Jude Larson and Monique Hicks's mother-in-law); Janet Klamer (Robin Christianson's mom); Carol Kifer (friend of Paulette Emberson); Tom and Norma Jean (Maggie Dorn's brother and sister).

Please pray for Shirley Somerville with the deaths of her cousin Ildred Schantz, and sons of Ildred (Brian and Alan Schantz); for Judy Engebretson with the death of her uncle Carl; for Jeff and Barb Henderson with the death of Barb's brother-in-law Tom Dabron; for Ron and Jean Nohr with the death of Jean's father Joe; for Kate Stulken with the death of her son Randy; for Mark and Denise Blume and family with the death of Mark's mom Jean; for Craig and Jude Larson with the death of their friend Mike Eckstein; for Marie Hjella with the death of her brother Fred; for Mike and Deb Chamberlin with the death of their son Max; for Ralph and Mary Jane Chamberlin with the death of their grandson Max; for Mary Sommers with the death of her niece Stephanie; for Doris Koch with the death of her daughter-in-law Judy Warren.

Pray for Staci Francis (Ann and Norm Jesse's daughter), Robert (Rob and Lisa Jacobson's son), Patrick (Alexis Peterson's husband), and all those serving in the armed forces; for police, EMS, and firefighters; those living in war zones and the Middle East; for Pastor Kirsten serving in Cairo, Egypt.

Pray for those who reside in care facilities: Ellen Appledorn (Cambridge); Ed Colbert (The Manor), Eldora Schaefer (Sienna Meadows, Oregon), Vera (Jeanette Krumheuer's sister, The Manor), Mae Smith (Colorado Springs, CO.)

A friendly reminder

Due to privacy regulations, hospitals no longer call to let us know if a member is hospitalized. If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please call the church office (849-7322) to let us know! Thank you.



Hospitality Opportunities

Altar Flowers
Outreach Support
Scholarships

The 2018 sign-up sheets are on the narthex bulletin board... select a Sunday to make coffee and / or provide treats for any summer Sunday morning ... or give Altar Flowers (\$45, ordered from Klein's Floral and Greenhouses) ... or give \$25 for Outreach ... or support the Preschool and Summer Ministries Scholarships (\$35/week). Thank you.

Collecting Stamps



We are collecting cancelled postage stamps. This ongoing project will benefit mentally, physically and socially challenged people. Place your stamps in the envelope located in the bin next to the main bulletin boards in the narthex. Thank you! Shirley Somerville

Around the Area

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

The Waunakee Ecumenical Board is sponsoring their annual Thanksgiving food basket distribution to needy families in Waunakee. Your family is invited to help deliver food baskets with food for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to needy families in the Waunakee community. We need help delivering baskets on **Saturday, November 18th**. Deliveries will begin at about 9:00am from the side of St John's School enter at 303 South St. Volunteers will help put Thanksgiving food boxes in your vehicle and provide directions for delivering. If you have 30 minutes or 2 hours, your help is appreciated!

All Faith Thanksgiving Service

You are invited to join your friends and neighbors to participate in an All Faith Thanksgiving Service for God's many blessings, sponsored by the Waunakee Ecumenical Board, on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Enjoy the music of our community church choirs as they sing together at the service.

The service will be on **Sunday, November 19**, held at 6:30pm at St John the Baptist Catholic Church, 209 South St, Waunakee. After the Service will be a time of fellowship with pie and coffee in the cafeteria. Worshippers are asked to bring an uncut pie to be served after the service. Join us for a time of worship, thanksgiving and fellowship! All are Welcome! Worshippers are invited to bring non-perishable food items to the service for the Waunakee Food Pantry.

Christmas Giving Tree

November 4 through December 10 you will find a Christmas Giving Tree in Peace's gathering area as well as other Waunakee Community Churches and area locations. You are invited to choose a paper ornament with a child's info and wish list item. Gifts should be purchased and wrapped with the paper ornament attached and returned to the giving tree by **Dec 10**. This year, WEB is supporting over 120 families through this annual program sponsored by the Waunakee Ecumenical Board, a partnership of our local churches, businesses, schools and social workers working together to benefit our community.

Worship

5:00pm Worship on Saturday Evening
9:00am Sunday Morning Worship (Nursery is fully staffed on Sunday mornings)
6:15pm Wednesday Evening Worship (October 2017 - April 2018)

Church Staff, Council, Church Officers

Karen Locken, Lead Pastor	Sandra Briesath, Preschool Director
Doug Locken, Pastor	Jerry Johnson, Peace Choir Director
Jan Rutkowski, Office Supervisor and Radical Ringers hand bell Director	Laura Komar, Joyful Noise Director
Carrie Miller, Finance and Communications Coordinator	Denise Blume, Assistant Treasurer
Sherry Johnson - Music Coordinator, Chapel Chimes Director, Resurrection Director, JuBellations Director	Tom Kreis, Pastoral Intern
Sherry Johnson, Molly Petroff and Penny Jacobsen: Pianists/Organist	
Keri Ceder & Shannon Connors, KiX Coordinators	

Council members and Church Officers:

Amy Dresen (President), Nick Morrison (Vice President), Judy Hughes (Secretary), Karl Betz (Treasurer), Shana Bakken-Gillen, Andy Bigsby, Paulette Emberson, Liz Fleming, Pam Reynolds, Nick Rifelj, Dave Smith, Patti Tuttrup, Tim van Deelen

Give ONLINE today!

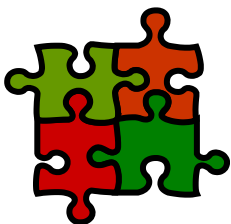
We now offer electronic giving! Please consider automating your regular giving with our electronic giving program. Peace relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers a simple and easy way to give on a recurring basis or to give one time gifts. We can accept debit or credit cards, as well as automatic withdrawals from your checking or savings account. Scan the code or visit www.peaceinwaunakee.org and click on "Support" to set up electronic giving today!



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