



Words of Peace

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Peace Lutheran Church

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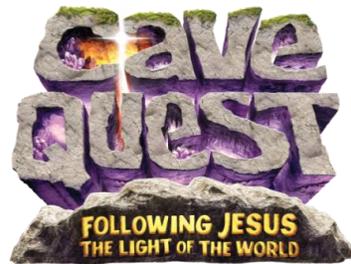
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016



JULY 11-14 9:00 A.M. ~ 12:00 NOON

At Cave Quest, kids explore what it means to follow Jesus through dark times. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, and dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus' love, and test out Science-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. **Each day** concludes with a Cave Quest Closing that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at **11:45 a.m.**

Kids at Cave Quest VBS will join a mission effort to raise funds each day with their offering to go to Roc Wheels.

Cave Quest is for kids from 3 yrs. old (potty trained) to 12 yrs. old and will run from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon** each day.

See Page 10 for more details!



“This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!” Ps. 118:24

Summer is here! Those of us fortunate enough to call SW Montana home are spending more time outdoors in God’s beautiful creation. With that in mind, perhaps you’ve heard “The Psalm of Summer.” It is a humorous, albeit a bit irreverent, adaptation of Psalm 23.

“Recreation is my shepherd, I shall not stay at home. He maketh me to lie down in a sleeping bag; He leadeth me down the Interstate each weekend. He restoreth my suntan; He leadeth me to State Parks for comfort’s sake. Even though I stray on the Lord’s Day, I will fear no reprimand, for thou art with me, my rod and reel they comfort me. I anointest my skin with oil, my gas tank runneth over; Surely my trailer shall follow me all the weekends this summer, and I shall return to the House of the Lord this Fall.”

We may chuckle, but this ‘psalm’ does have a ring of truth to it, doesn’t it? For churches everywhere, and particularly those in areas where tourists appear as suddenly as a salmon fly hatch, worship attendance does diminish in the summer. What Christians need to be mindful of is that our relationship with our Creator God does not diminish.

After all, we can do our daily devotions outdoors as well as we can indoors, right? Sometimes even better! Carry a Bible in your camper, your glovebox or your backpack. Listen to Christian radio as you travel. In your recreation downtime, read an edifying book. (If you’re looking for a book suggestion, I highly recommend Paul E. Miller’s “A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World.”) When you look up at the azure mid-day sky, the glittering stars of night, or the symphony of colors of a sunrise or sunset splashed upon the mountainside, praise God for the beauty of His creation. In creation, with our eyes of faith opened wide, we can see God’s power, glory and truth.

With that in mind, later this summer you will have opportunities to join with myself and other PLC members for a few family-friendly Sunday afternoon hikes. Some trails that have been suggested are Drinking Horse Mountain, South Cottonwood, Middle Cottonwood, Spanish Creek, and History Rock. Specific details will be coming soon!

In the book of Job, by way of a much needed reprimand, God instructs Job that He has set every one of the stars in their place, He counts the clouds, He shuts in the seas, He cuts a path for the thunderstorms to water the land where no one lives, He laid the foundation of the earth. As the book concludes Job humbly responds to God, *“I know that you can do all things...Surely I spoke of things I did not understand...My ears had heard of you, but now my eyes have seen you.”* (Job 42:1, 3,5)

Friends in Christ, my heart’s desire would be to worship God with you every Sunday in our beautiful sanctuary, but it *is* summertime. So whenever the lure of the great outdoors pulls you and I away from town, let the holy presence of God guide our steps and keep us ever mindful of the wonder and majesty of the Lord God who created all things. None of us has ever seen God face to face, but when faced with the awe of His creation, like Job, we can say, *“...now my eyes have seen you.”*

Love in Christ,
Pastor Jeff

Dear Family at Peace Lutheran,

Partnership is a very important ingredient in being able to fulfill the mission Jesus calls us to as His church. We have talked about the church operating as if it were a body – each having its own part functioning within own ‘giftedness’ with a unified purpose.

The Apostle Paul used this concept in how he viewed his relationship with others in the work of the gospel as he planted churches throughout the Roman Empire (I Cor. 6-9).

We can see this in how things get done at PLC. Musicians enhance our worship with their talents. Gardeners make our flower gardens look beautiful. Organizers organize, quilters quilt and teachers teach.

On a ‘larger-than-just-our-church’ scale, PLC has been in partnership with the Seventh Day Adventist congregation that meets in Belgrade for a number of years. We provide a place for them to worship, pray, teach and fellowship together. They supply us with funds to help meet our expense budget. Because of their giving to our church, we have been able to make some much needed improvements to our facility.

We have found other ways for us to work together. We joined in hosting the Creation Health Seminar last winter which was attended by members of both congregations and facilitated by Rev. Chris Barr from the SDA. Most recently, we got together and planted a beautiful tree in the Peace Gardens.



The tree was actually a gift from us at PLC to the SDA when they were planning to build their own church building. Those plans fell through and they stayed with us. So we were approached by their pastor, Rollin Hixson, with the idea of using that tree as a symbol of our partnership rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a vision of future growth in both our congregations.

So, in June, the hole was dug (thanks Jerry and Karl!) and members of PLC along with members of the SDA, planted the Blue Spruce.

May that tree stand as a symbol of partnership in glory to God as we serve Him together.

Together in the Gospel,
Pastor Bob



MINISTRY TEAMS

July 3 6th Sunday after Pentecost	<i>ELW #3</i> <i>Pr. Jeff Redlin</i>
Piano	Virginia Sorensen
Acolyte	
Usher/Lector/Refreshments	Tom & Ione Gruss
July 10 7th Sunday after Pentecost	<i>Service of the Word</i> <i>Pr. Bob Coughlin</i>
Piano	<i>Jackie Currey</i>
Acolyte	
Usher/Lector/Refreshments	Jim & Pam Cook
July 17 8th Sunday after Pentecost	<i>Sing-A-New-Song</i> <i>Pr. Jeff Redlin</i>
Piano	Lorrie Hansen
Acolyte	
Usher/Lector/Refreshments	Ross & Claudia Leake
July 24 9th Sunday after Pentecost	<i>Dakota Road</i> <i>Pr. Bob Coughlin</i>
Piano	Virginia Sorensen
Acolyte	
Usher/Lector/Refreshments	
July 31	<i>ELW #10</i> <i>Pr. Bob Coughlin</i>
Piano	Connie Holton
Usher/Lector/Refreshments	Peace Lutheran Youth
Council for July	Jim Cook, Ross Leake & Tom Gruss
Altar Guild for July	Karlene Swenson Heather Geiger

July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pr. Jeff's day off	2 <i>9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</i> <i>7th Day Adventist</i>
3 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship – ELW #3 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship	4 Office Closed  <i>7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</i>	5	6 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting	7 6:00 p.m. Mission & Outreach Comm. 7:00 p.m. Council	8 Pr. Jeff's day off	9 <i>9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</i> <i>7th Day Adventist</i>
10 8th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship – Service of the Word 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship	11 Pr. Bob's day off <i>9 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.</i> Vacation Bible School <i>7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</i>	12	13 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast	14 6:00 P.M PLC PICNIC	15 Pr. Jeff's day off	16 <i>9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</i> <i>7th Day Adventist</i>
17 9th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship – Sing-A-New-Song 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship	18 Pr. Bob's day off <i>Pr. Jeff @LCMC NW District Council Mtg.</i> <i>7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</i>	19	20 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 8:30 p.m. Youth Mission Trip Mtg.	21	22 Pr. Jeff's day off	23 <i>9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</i> <i>7th Day Adventist</i>
24 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship– Dakota Road 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Pr. Jeff at Soldiers Chapel	25 Pr. Bob's day off <i>7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</i>	26	27 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting	28	29 Pr. Jeff's day off	30 <i>Richland Youth Grp.</i> <i>9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</i> <i>7th Day Adventist</i>
31 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship – ELW #10 10:00 Coffee ad Fellowship Pr. Jeff at Joy Lutheran in Billings						



If you would like to show your thanks for something in the next newsletter, please fill out an “I give thanks to” sheet and place it in the Give Thanks boxes that are located on the counter in the back of the Sanctuary and on a table in the Fellowship Hall.

- ✚ Thanks so much to Paul Flanagan for clearing the weeds under our sign.
- ✚ Thank you, Tom Gruss and Jerry Swenson for fixing the outside light so it doesn't stay on constantly!
- ✚ Thank you to all who gave financial support for our youth and also to our hard-working youth and adults who helped with the car wash fundraiser!
- ✚ Thank you to Ross Leake for trimming the trees and shrubs around the church property.
- ✚ Thanks to all who have helped cross things off our “to-do” list.



Remember your Baptism – whether walking in the rain or in the shower. Members that have been baptized in July are:

- 1 Luke Anderson
- Luke Simonson
- 12 Amber VanLuchene
- 13 Alivia Finkbeiner
- 14 Randy Geiger
- 17 Julie Mattson
- 18 Mark Salo
- 22 Theresa Leininger
- 23 Lori Lanzendorf
- Matthew Streich
- 27 Marilyn Megaard
- 30 Lexy Allmendinger
- Andrew Erickson
- ? Dianne Coughlin

August Ministry Team
In July a council member will be calling the following August Ministry Team Members:

- Kirk & Michelle Banderob
- Jeff & Kris Bell
- Harvey & Laura Carter
- Jackie Currey
- Mike & Becky Erickson
- Roy Finkbeiner
- Heather Geiger
- John & Wynne Gillis
- Carl & Katy Grassel
- Jim & Julie Hanson
- Kevin & Julie Mattson
- Lisa McCurley
- Andy Mitchell & Debra Briggs
- Derrick & Michelle Monson
- Gary & Connie Paulson
- Joe & Jodi Robbins
- Steve & De'Anne Smith
- Mike & Joy Spinella
- Michael & Vickie Streich



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Outdoor Worship Service

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14
9:00 a.m.
LEWIS & CLARK PARK



Birthdays and Anniversaries for July

- 1 Wayne & Lynn Johnson
- 2 Macey Clark
- 4 Stara Bell
Brandon Steadman
- 5 Dianne Coughlin
- 6 Gary & Cindy Gee
Eric & Anissa Leiningar
- 9 Bruce & Virginia Sorensen
- 10 Bruce Sorensen
- 11 Jayme & Darin Swenson
Grady Andrews
- 12 Rollin & Kristy Rieger
Karsen Bramlette
- 13 Terry & Nancy Schievelbein
Diane Oddy
Brandon Thurston
- 14 Elizabeth Coughlin
- 15 Nicholas Sorensen
- 16 Paul & Gayle Clifford
- 17 Jim & Nancy Murdock
Kraig Rieger
Kenzlee Swenson
Kelsey Tallman
- 18 Christine Finkbeiner
- 19 Laura Carter
Angela Gruss
- 20 Isabella Molyneaux
- 21 Ross Leake
Christina Moss
- 22 Michelle Clark
Roy Finkbeiner
- 23 Carl & Katy Grassel
- 25 Bill & Linda Miller
Nancy Fox
Amanda Johnson
- 26 Christine Koosman
- 27 Mark & Kirsten (Haas) Kennedy
Jordyn Adams
- 29 Eric Lee
- 30 Morgan Mitchell
James Tex



GETTING TO KNOW OUR 7TH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH FRIENDS

Since I have only led this church for the past 5 years, I had to do a little research to get some of the history.

A group from the other churches in the valley started meeting in Belgrade in 1996 and they became a fully organized church by 1998. Pastor Jim Osborn began the church and then it was lead by Pastor Bill Smith for over 10 years and I (Rollin Hixson) have been leading since May of 2011. Over the years this church has gone on 5 mission trips to build churches for native tribes in Mexico. Several years ago the ladies of the church made dresses for the ladies in Bangedesh as a ministry outreach of missionaries in that country. More recently the ladies have knitted hats and mittens for the people of Mongolia.

The church has been and active member of LOVE INC and has contributed to the Warming Center. Many years we have been a part of the food drive for the Gallatin County Food Bank. Part of our mission statement says, "To model practical Christianity... through a community-minded ministry."

This will give you a little something to share with your congregation.

Pastor Hixson

Youth News!

Peace Youth Car Wash a Great Success!!!

Peace Youth had a fun and successful car wash on Tuesday. The car wash was free, but folks donated \$648.00 to our youth Mission Trip!!! WOW!! The Youth want to thank all Peace Members and Friends so much for their continued support of the kids. It means a ton to all of us, and we are blessed by your generosity!! All money will go toward the Youth Mission trip to Denver in August. We washed about 25 cars and BIG trucks. Thanks to all the kids, siblings, parents and folks that helped. THANK YOU PEACE!!!



Get those bugs off!



Dr. Sorensen even got in to it!



Are we having fun yet?



We want to thank you for your gift of mobility. Your generosity not only greatly impacted the life of a child but their entire family as well. The caregivers are always so grateful that their child is given such an enhanced opportunity to interact with their siblings and peers. It also improves the likelihood that they can receive followup care and therapy because of the increased ease of transport.

We greatly appreciate your past support and hope you will continue to partner with us in the future.

Simone Domingues—Program Director



THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE

by Jackie Currey

I have never given very deep thought to a philosophy of life, though I have a few ideas that I think are useful to me:

- **Do whatever comes your way as well as you can.**
- **Think as little as possible about yourself.**
- **Think as much as possible about other people.**
- **Dwell on things that are interesting.**

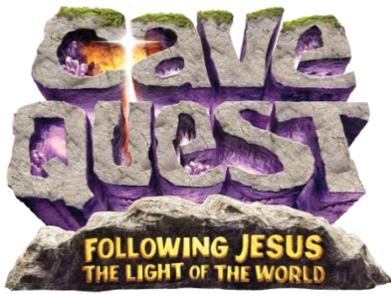
Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give. *Eleanor Roosevelt*, 1884-1962

I believe that one of the most important blessings of our church family at Peace is our welcoming nature for all those that come into our church. I have experienced this amazing feeling personally when I first came to Peace. I didn't know anyone, but the Peace Family welcomed me with open arms and made sure I felt comfortable and not alone.

God has a welcoming attitude for all kinds of people. I have visited folks that are new to our church. Warm and inviting are the two words that always surface in the conversation. We don't just say "hello" to someone new.... We actually bless them by being kind and caring. Our attitude of Peace in our hearts and in the words we say, is felt by all those that enter Peace Lutheran.

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the Glory of God."

Romans15:7



The Education & Youth Team is searching for adults and teens who would welcome the joy that comes from working with our community's youth! We are in need of about 6 or 7 Leaders and numerous assistants in various positions such as Game Leader, Music Leader, Lesson Leader, Crafts Leader, Skit Leader, and Snack Leader. The dates this year have been set for:

July 11-14 from 9a.m–12Noon

Please contact one of the Pastors, Karlene in the church office, or a member of the Education & Youth Team if you are interested. We hope to divide duties somewhat along these lines, so that no one is overwhelmed, and all involved have a great time sharing the Word of God!

PreK (age 3 potty trained) through 6th grade students are invited to attend VBS. Sign-up sheets are available on our website's home page under **QUICK LINKS** as well as at the church office.

VBS 2016 SNACK SUPPLIES LIST:

If you are able to help supply any of these items, please feel free to drop them off at the church in the lower kitchen labeled "VBS". Thank you!

- GOLDFISH CRACKERS (gluten free) 5 cups
- SUNFLOWER SEEDS (shelled) 7 cups
- FROZEN WAFFLES (100 regular& 20 gluten free)
- MAPLE SYRUP
- SANDWICH THINS (100)
- FRUIT FLAVORED CREAM CHEESE (72 oz.)
- PULL & PEEL RED LICORICE (2 pkgs.)
- 4 Fresh Peaches

The complete list is on the counter in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office.



July 14 6:00 P.M.
at
Peace Lutheran

It is the final day of VBS, so let's end it with a bang! Come spend an evening with friends, good food and some spirited singing. The Church will supply burgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments and beverages. Please bring a salad, side dish, chips or dessert to share. Throw in a lawn chair and bring along any lawn games you might have too! See you there!

Peace Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
May 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Hansen at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Mike Hansen, John Gillis, Jerry Swenson, Derrick Monson, Ross Leake, Tiina Smith, Kari Haas, Tom Gruss, Jackie Currey, Val Ross, Jim Cook. Members absent: Bill Miller, Bruce Sorensen.

1. Devotions by Tiina. "Who's on First," from Proverbs 35:2-10.
2. Minutes of April 14, 2016. After some corrections, Tom moved to accept. Jerry seconded. Passed.
3. Treasurer's Report. Val presented her report. John moved to accept. Tiina seconded. Passed.
4. Congregational Concerns: none.
5. Pastor's Reports.

Pr. Bob Coughlin: Pastor's report for May 12, 2016 Council Meeting – Bob Coughlin

- **Northwest District Gathering** (April 15-16) I arrived early to participate in the 'pastors and spouses' time before the convention. I was a little disappointed in that I didn't get in on the introductions and there was no time set aside for us to get to know one another (that is why I came!). Steve Lien, Coordinator for Pastoral Ministry, LCMC, shared some observations on our theme verse as a devotional. A little business was discussed. Steve and Mark Vander Tuig (Service Coordinator for LCMC) were the keynote speakers who were both highly motivational and excellent presenters – Steve spoke on 'Calling' ("Yes" is our answer, what is the question?) and Mark on 'Witness' (We are to demonstrate God's grace). It was good to have folks who represent LCMC nationally, but unfortunately, didn't get the opportunity to have one-to-one conversations. I didn't find the Breakout sessions to be particularly helpful (except for Mark's follow-up on his keynote address.) I met a few folks from other churches. I hoped to talk with some other pastors (particularly from Montana) but only got a few minutes with one from Whitefish. It was good to meet a gal from Idaho who just became a Pastor with LCMC along a similar route as I did. I am glad I attended the gathering, but would love to have some PLC congregational members with me. Interesting fact I learned: Average attendance of church MEMBERS: 1.7 Sundays per month. (Source: 'Good Faith' by George Barna). Thank you for covering my hotel and conference expenses to attend this gathering.
- **WGAMA** (April 21) I led this meeting at River Rock Vineyard. We had guests from Love INC, Samaritan's Purse, Yellowstone Institute of Theology, 99.1 FM and Cowboy Christian Fellowship. We also did initial planning for the National Day of Prayer. PLC will be hosting the final lunch meeting of the season on May 25.
- **Pastors Retreat** (April 25) Sponsored by Montana Bible College, instructors from the Leadership Training Institute gave talks on the topic of Preventing Pastor Burn Out. The morning retreat was at Yellowstone Alliance Adventures. I stayed for a few hours in the afternoon for a private retreat.
- **Belgrade Community Library Board of Trustees** (April 26) We are adding an extra hour to our meeting the next three months for training on leadership succession.
- **Church Directory** – I helped set up and run the photo shoot of congregational members with LifeTouch on April 28-30. The photo shoot seemed to go well. 50 appointments were made and 7 families email pictures for our directory.
- **National Day of Prayer** (May 5) PLC was the host for this year's annual NDP. We had wide representation among the 25 or so folks that attended (9 were from PLC), pastors and leaders from 6 area churches and a Trail Life USA troop led a flag presentation. It was a wonderful time of prayer and

worship. The week prior, Jeff and I did a radio spot for 99.1 FM, and I placed an announcement in the Belgrade News. I also participated in the Noon prayer meeting at Belgrade's City Hall.

- **Members in Hospice** – Gary Gee and Paul Joubert; we heard in the same week that two congregational members have entered into Hospice. I spoke with Sandi Joubert who is handling things amazingly well and has lots of support. Also visited with Cindy Gee about Gary's situation and how she is doing. I visited Gary, celebrated communion and prayed with him. Among his many other ailments, he is battling liver failure.
- **Youth Mission Trip Denver** - Center for Student Mission (August 7-13) Val, Abby, Becky and I spoke with the leader of the CSM Denver Mission site. We all were encouraged by her presentation of the program. I have started contacting LCMC churches in the area about housing us on Saturday, August 6. A parent/youth meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12.
- **Weddings** (May 21, July 23) – I will officiate a wedding next week in Minneapolis. In July, I will officiate one that will be local and outdoors. I have been doing counseling and wedding service preparation with both couples.
- **Soldiers Chapel** (June 5, September 4) – I am committed to preside at two services this summer. Becky Murray will be my accompanist.
- **Vacation** (May 16-22) – I will be in Minnesota visiting family and catching a Twins game.

Pastor Jeff' Report

May 12, 2016 PLC Council Report
Pastor Jeff Redlin

General Pastor and Church-related Duties and Events

1) Attended LCMC NW District Annual Gathering, Wenatchee, WA April 15-16. 108 attended- most ever for District gathering. Our NW district is growing!

Gathering Theme: Answering the Call Gathering Bible text 2 Peter 1:3 (4-8)

Keynote Speakers were Pr. Mark Vander Tuig, LCMC Service Coordinator and Steve Lien, LCMC Coordinator for Pastoral Ministry

2017 annual gathering is April 28-29 @ Christ Lutheran Church, Whitefish, MT

Pastor Jeff is chairing the Gathering Planning Committee

2) LOVE, INC. Banquet, Silent Auction & Fundraiser- May 2, MSU Ballroom. PLC members attending: Fred & Kari Haas, Bruce and Jinx Sorenson, Jerry and Karlene Swenson, Jeff & Misty Redlin. According to Jim Good of LOVE INC raised 105,000+..Goal was \$100,000.

This was Misty and I's first time attending and it was a blessing. We enjoyed the fellowship of our table group very much!

3) Participated in May 5, 7pm, National Day of Prayer community prayer service @ PLC. I led the "Prayer for Families" section of the service (see Pr. Bob's report for full details) Many thanks to Pr. Bob for taking the lead on this and bringing it all together!

4) Officiated PLC Blessing of H.S. Graduates during May 8 worship; 6 grads total

5) Peacemakers- PLC grounds clean-up, April 21. Ends May 19 w/ picnic in park

6) Officiating Outdoor wedding, Choteau, MT Saturday, May 21.

7) Officiating at Big Sky Chapel, Sunday July 24

8) I and Misty have been asked by Pr. Bub Veis to lead a worship service at Joy Lutheran Church in Billings on Sunday, July 31. Joy is a recent LCMC mission start congregation. Pr. Bob is scheduled to preside at PLC that day. (This congregation is the one who wanted the stainless steel baptism font we had stored in PLC furnace room.) They wanted to make the service a community outreach event so I am hoping we can help make this a success for them.

Other

1) Final Ladybug Preschool chapel time is Wednesday, May 25. Will resume in the fall. Preschool teachers say they are pleased with how well this worked out with PLC pastors. Good relationships have been made between pastors, teachers, and preschool children- which is one of the most important goals Pr. Bob & I worked towards

2) Due to time constraints and other obligations, I do not plan on attending the LCMC Nat'l Annual Gathering in Denver this October. I have encouraged Pr. Bob to attend this year as I had attended the annual gathering last year.

3) Our home buying process in Ryen Glenn subdivision NE of Belgrade is on schedule. We have met loan approval conditions. Closing and move in date is projected for July 6, 2016 depending on completion of home construction

4) My scheduled vacation times are May 12-17 and June 16-20, 2016.

6. New Business

- a. Articles for Newsletter – Blessings of Peace. Jackie Currey is writing an article for the existing PLC Newsletter with the title “Blessings of Peace”. It will highlight people and events in PLC. The first segment will appear in the June issue.
- b. Parsonage recommendations. After some discussion, Jim moved to not sell the parsonage at this time, and to make it a rental. Derrick seconded. Passed unanimously. Mike tasked the Property Care Committee to investigate rental companies, and issues to be repaired before renting.
- c. Library. The continued and future use of the library was referred to Education and Youth Committee. Pam Cook will meet with them.
- d. Stained Glass. Tiina and Kari volunteered to work with the glass company to be sure their solution is what we’re looking for.
- e. Compensation Committee Report.
 - i. Val completed salary issues form for Pr. Jeff at the bank for his loan.
 - ii. The salaries set September 2015 were so that both pastors be equal in salary. With Pr. Jeff moving out of the parsonage, his \$15,000 annual housing allowance, minus \$8000, is a \$7000 difference. The committee recommends increasing Pr. Jeff’s annual compensation by \$7000 to bring him back equal to Pr. Bob for the 2016 budget. Ross moved we accept the committee recommendation. Jackie seconded. Passed unanimously.
- f. Sprinkler System Management. The sprinklers may be working now. Referred to Property Care.
- g. Church use for piano recital. We have a request to use the church for a piano recital. This person has used it in the past. Kari moved to approve the request. Ross seconded. Passed. Pr. Bob will contact the piano teacher.

7. Team Reports.

- a. Congregational Life. The church directory photo shoot was successful.
 - b. Education and Youth. Judy Beagley's memorial money and Library and VBS to be discussed at next meeting.
 - c. Property Care. Have not met. Lewis was added to the committee.
 - d. Stewardship and Finance. See compensation items.
 - e. Outreach and Missions. May 3 minutes on computer.
 - f. Worship and Music. May 22 last day of Sunday School.
8. Old Business
- a. Tax Exempt Status. Val reported that the application was received, completed, and in review by the State Department of Revenue.
 - b. SDA Tree Planting. A spot has been picked out. Pam Cook recommended a Colorado Blue Spruce.
 - c. Mission trip update. Val reported that the costs for the trip will come to \$5014 (attached to Treasurer's Report). The bank balance and income are delineated. Val requested the Council give \$1000 to the trip. Tiina moved the Council give up to \$1250 to pay for the van out of Mission Fund, and \$500 for gas out of same fund. Kari seconded. Passed. There is also a Free Car Wash set for June 13 in the PLC parking lot from 4-7 pm to raise funds for the trip. There is also a Spaghetti dinner planned for June 29 at PLC for funds.
 - d. There are now two cameras not working. Tom will check it out.
 - e. Spring cleaning list. Ross moved that a year-round "To Do" list be posted and maintained. Tiina seconded. Passed.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Cook, Secretary



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Mailing Address Correction Requested

Scriptures for July

July 3 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-7
Galatians 6:1-10, 14-19 Luke 10:1-20

July 10 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Leviticus (18:1-5)19:9-18 Psalm 41
Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37

July 17 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10a(10b-14) Psalm 27(1-6)7-14
Colossians 1:21-29 Luke 10:38-42

July 24 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:(17-19)20-44 Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-16(16-19) Luke 11:1-13

July 31 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Ecc.1:2,12-14; 2:18-26 Psalm 100
Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

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