



Words of Peace

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Church**

*A congregation of Lutheran
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 14th



Join us Sunday, August 14th, when Peace will be having our 9:00 a.m. worship service outside. It will be held at the large pavilion at Lewis & Clark Park. We look forward to seeing you there! Please note, that if it does rain, we will have the service at PLC.

Dear Peace Family,

As we approach the final month of summer, I bet that most of us are trying to squeeze in whatever is left of our vacations. Rightfully so. By this time we find ourselves wondering, *"Where did the summer go?"*



Well, for some PLC youth and adult leaders, our minds are set on the summer's youth mission trip. We are looking forward to spending seven days in Denver, CO working with various agencies there. Abigail Ross, Shelby Lee, Dylan Bell, Mathew Mitchell, Stuart Murray, Nathan Ross and Ashton Olson are all signed up and ready to go!

We have met in the first months of summer to go over the schedule, handle logistics, identify our pre-conceived thoughts and feelings are about the city, and to see what the Bible has to say about God's heart for the poor. Each time we gathered we recited the ancient prayer of Saint Francis, asking the Lord to make us instruments of His grace and peace.



We will be partnering with a group called Center for Student Missions (CSM) which runs programs year-round in cities all over the U.S. The ministry that our kids get involved with will enhance what already has been happening and will continue. Often, when we hear the word "missions" we think of somewhere overseas, or at least in another country. Being in a major city and working with some of the issues and people related to it will certainly be cross-cultural for all of us!

Every part of the trip, from the van ride, living in community, sleeping on the floor in the mission house, limiting our shower time (5 minutes, every-other day), eating at different ethnic restaurants each day, and working with the different urban cultures will be learning experiences. We all will be stretched!

I ask that you please remember us in your prayers.

You can only imagine some of the challenges we will face as we work in urban gardens, soup kitchens, clothing and school supply distribution, senior support services, and street ministries. We will bring breakfast to day-laborers, meet people at a rescue mission, and provide conversation, prayer and burritos to those in need. We will be trying to identify with the poor in the city by visiting diverse neighborhoods and get a feel for living in a city on a tight budget. And then, there is the 20 hours of road travel!

We leave Saturday, August 6th and return the following Saturday, August 13th. We are thankful for the overwhelming support the PLC community has been to get us on our way. We count on it again as we venture out.

Gratefully,
Pastor Bob

“For the Lord God will bless you in your harvest and in all the works of your hands...” Deut. 16:15

It was early August of 1985. I had returned to the family farm in June- this time to manage the farm. My Dad and uncle were phasing into retirement and, although still helping and mentoring me (which I gladly accepted and needed) I was given the run of the place, so to speak.

It was a summer day much like the day I write this article. Hot, dry, very little wind. A perfect harvest day- which was good because the feed barley was ripe for the cutting. It was my first harvest in which *my* living depended on the yield of the land. I was in the combine having just pulled up to the Kendall place- 320 acres that we farmed about 6 miles from the home place. I looked through the combine window at the fields that we had planted 4 months earlier and tried to remain positive. The crop sure looked short, the heads sure looked sparse, but I told myself maybe there is more there than meets the eye.

I started around the field’s edge as usual. It didn’t take long to realize that the amount of seed being augured into combine bin was a big disappointment. So I headed for the draws and the low areas, avoiding the hilltops and hillsides, maybe these areas will bring up the average yield...not so much. After about an hour- and the combine’s grain bin not even full yet- I made my way back to the grain trucks where my dad and uncle were waiting. I stopped, put out the unloading auger and Dad came climbing up the combine ladder. “What do you think?” he asked- though with his practiced eye he already knew the answer. “It looks like about 5, maybe 10 bushels an acre, though that’s not likely.” I said. A very poor yield; especially for barley which was hardly worth anything in those years.

“Do you think we should harvest it or what, Dad?” I asked. I knew enough about farming to know that this half section of land was not going to be a break-even deal. “Well, son,” Dad said, “I’ll leave that decision up to you. There’s no money in this place this year, that’s for sure.” Then he paused and after a while said, “But we *did* plant it.”

After rolling that around in my head for a bit, I put the combine in gear and headed back into the field. Cutter bar positioned dangerously low and field speed dangerously fast- I finished those 320 acres in jackrabbit time. And all the while fighting back the huge disappointment I felt. Welcome to farming, Jeff!

My Dad’s words have come back to me on more than a few occasions over the years, “But, we *did* plant it.” If there is one thing that farming teaches it is that you finish what you started. And some years you don’t do it because there is a profit in it - you do it because that is your job, your responsibility. You planted it and you are to harvest it. You are a steward of the land. Caretakers of what ultimately belongs to God. Yes, the deed may have your name written on it- but all of creation has *God’s* name written all over it.

As we enter into this harvest season- whether field or garden- may we all remember to give thanks to our creator God for what he has placed in our care. May we find satisfaction in whatever yields this year’s crop may bring, whether we are farmers or not. For you see, each one of us, “plants” something that God calls us to tend and ultimately to harvest. Classroom, boardroom, office, family home, these are all places that we can tend what God has given us to tend. To harvest what God has given us to harvest. Not for our profit but for God’s glory!

“Almighty God, Lord of the harvest, grant us eyes to see *your* work all around us. Grant us minds to understand your ways and a spirit of thankfulness for what you do for us every day. Teach us patience and grant us perseverance that we may finish the good work that you ask of each one of us. To you be all honor, glory, power and praise. Amen.”

Love in Christ,
Pastor Jeff



MINISTRY TEAMS

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| August 7 10th Sunday after Pentecost | <i>Country Gospel</i> <i>Pr. Jeff Redlin</i> |
| Piano | Jinx Sorensen |
| Acolyte | |
| Usher/Lector | John & Wynne Gillis |
| Refreshments | Grassel Family |
| August 14 11th Sunday after Pentecost | OUTDOOR SERVICE <i>Pr. Jeff Redlin</i> |
| Piano | Jackie Currey |
| Acolyte | |
| Usher | Fred & Kari Haas |
| Lector | Vickie Streich |
| Refreshments | Jackie Currey Fred & Kari Haas Carl & Katy Grassel |
| August 21 12th Sunday after Pentecost | <i>Sing-A-New-Song</i> <i>Pr. Bob Coughlin</i> |
| Piano | Connie Holton |
| Acolyte | |
| Usher/Lector/Refreshments | Heather Geiger Monson Family |
| August 28 13th Sunday after Pentecost | <i>ELW #4</i> <i>Pr. Bob Coughlin</i> |
| Piano | Lorrie Hansen |
| Acolyte | |
| Ushers/Readers/Refreshments | |
| Council for August | Jackie Currey Derrick Monson John Gillis |
| Altar Guild for August | Virginia Sorensen Marcia Zankowski |

August 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting & Peace Repiecers | 4 7:00 p.m. Education & Youth Comm. Mtg. | 5 Pr. Jeff's day off Richland Youth Group Overnight | 6 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist Youth Mission Trip to Denver, CO → |
| 7 12 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship – Country Gospel 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship | 8 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts | 9 7:00 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer | 10 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting & Peace Repiecers | 11 7:00 p.m. Council | 12 Pr. Jeff's day off | 13 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist Peace Youth Return! → |
| 14 13 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. OUTDOOR WORSHIP PAVILLION at LEWIS AND CLARK PARK 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship | 15 Pr. Bob's day off 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts | 16 4:00 p.m. Worship Comm. 7:00 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer | 17 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting & Peace Repiecers | 18 | 19 Pr. Jeff's day off | 20 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist |
| 21 14 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship – Sing a New Song 10:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship | 22 Pr. Bob's day off 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts | 23 7:00 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer | 24 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting & Peace Repiecers | 25 NEWSLETTER DUE | 26 Pr. Jeff's day off | 27 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist |
| 28 15 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship– ELW #4 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship 4:30 p.m. Community Café | 29 Pr. Bob's day off 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts | 30 7:00 p.m. 7 th Day Prayer | 31 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting & Peace Repiecers | | | 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7th Day Adventist |



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.



✚ *Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS possible! Jeff and Misty Redlin, Dianne and Bob Coughlin, the Lanzendorf family, Karlene Swenson, Carol White, Cheryl Bechtold, Jinx Sorensen, Joni Sando, Julie Hansen, Tracy & Andy Bolich, Mike Koosman, Val Ross, Diane Oddy, Lorrie Hansen, Nicky Swenson, Kari Haas. Also a big thank you to all the Youth Assistants: Matthew Mitchell, Nathan Ross, Kelsey Stevens, Keaton Carter, Ashlyn Swenson, Hallie Andrews and Colton Koosman.*

✚ *Thank you to Diane Oddy, Cindy Gee and any others who helped with the beautification of the Peace Garden.*

✚ *Thank you to the Servants who served during May, June & July! Tiina Smith, Cheryl Bechtold, Kay Cavanaugh, Dianne Coughlin, Kate Davis, Kari Haas, Lorrie Hansen, Linda Miller, Megan Paulson, Debbie Porter & Kristy Rieger.*

Happy
Anniversary

August Anniversaries

If your anniversary is not listed or has the wrong date, please contact the church office so that it can be corrected on the church records:

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4 Eric & Stacey Larson
5 Joel & Lisa Moellenkamp
13 Tim & Leann Pipinich
16 Michal and Lorrie Hansen
17 Bill & Karen Duffey
18 Randy & Heather Geiger
19 James & Reyel Tex
23 James & Sarah Beal
29 David & Lori Lanzendorf
30 Dennis & Cheryl Bechtold
Timothy & Whitney Bramlette

Birthdays for August

If your birthday is not listed or has the wrong date, please contact the church office so that it can be corrected on the church records:

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3 Kolter Swenson
5 Cedric DeCock
7 Amy Lanzendorf
8 Joseph Sutton
9 Tara DeCock
10 Linda Miller
11 Cheryl Bechtold
Dani Larson
14 Joy Spinella
Cooper VanLuchene
15 Kyle Sando
16 Olivia Coughlin
18 Amy Fox
Mary Rathbun
19 Jim Hanson
20 Breanna Leake
Dee Feddes
21 Devyn Sando
Deanna Thurston
26 Joel Moellenkamp
27 Kari Haas
28 Nathan Ross
29 Allison Mattson
Reed Simonson
30 Wayne Johnson



PEACE SERVANTS

We are beginning a new three-month serving cycle for **August, September, and October.** These Servants prepare, serve, clean-up, and sometimes host many Peace activities; they also do Casserole Care for members. These Servants provide a vital ministry to our Peace congregation. Coming up to serve are:

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| Paula Johnson | Kris Bell |
| Nancy Fox | Marilyn Megaard |
| Debra Durham | Jodi Robbins |
| Julie Mattson | Wynne Gillis |
| Ione Gruss | Laurie Salo |
| Heather Geiger | |

These Servants will be contacted soon by Heather Geiger via email and letter as to the happenings they will serve. Please call Heather if you have any questions 285-3776.

BAPTISMS FOR AUGUST

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

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| 5 | Trisha Severson |
| 7 | Levi Simonson |
| 8 | Kirk Haas |
| | Nicholas Sorensen |
| | Bruce Sorensen |
| 11 | Amanda Johnson |
| 16 | Carly Moellenkamp |
| 29 | Karsen Bramlette |
| 30 | Kennedy Bramlette |
| | Natasha Finkbeiner |
| ? | Angela Gruss |
| | Wynne Gillis |
| | Graham Hickey |
| | Ross Leake |
| | Abigail Ross |

September Ministry Team

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

Andrew & Tracey Bolich
 Lavern Brusven
 Michael & Michelle Clark
 Paul & Gayle Clifford
 Dee Feddes
 Paul & Teresa Flanagan
 John & Jennifer Handsaker
 Mike & Lorrie Hansen
 Larry & Diane Oddy
 Don & Tammy Marks
 Marilyn Megaard
 Stan & Doreen Olean
 Gary & Debbie Porter
 Kyle & Joni Sando
 Dale & Sue Spartas
 Daniel & Amanda Swenson
 Jerry & Karlene Swenson
 Bruce & Virginia Sorensen
 Jason & Tracy Weathers
 James & Reyel Tex
 Bill & Marcia Zankowski

*Pastor Jeff & Misty Have Moved
 In To Their New Home!*



New address is:

*1614 Powers Blvd.
 Belgrade, MT 59714*

Youth News!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016

July 11-14, we hosted our annual Vacation Bible School. This year, approximately 50 kids attended. The theme was Cave Quest, Following Jesus, the Light of the World! Throughout the week, the children discovered what it meant to hold on to God's mighty power in everyday life. They participated in memorable Bible-learning activities, sang catchy songs, played teamwork-building games, dug into yummy treats, experienced one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collected Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and got to observe some fun science demonstrations. To close out the week, children and their parents gathered for the annual Congregational Picnic in the Fellowship Hall.





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1 Corinthians 12 compares the church to a human body. Just like our bodies are made of many parts serving specific functions, the church is made up of people with different skills and abilities. Alone these pieces aren't very useful, but together we create something beautiful!!

The blessings of our church are many as we all know. I would like to take a minute and share with you a special group working for the common good of the Peace Lutheran family. This group starts the monthly meeting listening to a devotional reading that pertains to leadership and shares in the knowledge that God is using us and helping us to do his work. I have been blessed to be a part of the Church Council and I truly appreciate the talents and willingness of each member to serve our Church in any way they can. Every person on the Council has different talents and there is never any hesitation from any of the members to step up and do what needs to be done. I have served on many Boards and been a part of many organizations over the years. This group truly wants what is best for our Church Family. It is a team effort and the Council works together for good. A great example of what this group can do is the work that is being done on the Parsonage right now. At our last meeting, there was a list of maybe 20 things that needed to be addressed before it would be ready to rent. By the time everyone on the Council got done volunteering to do certain things on the list, there were only a couple of items that were left on the list to be done. Every person on the Council offers up their special God given talents to serve.

1 Peter 4 says: Serving is a form of worship, a way to express gratitude for what Jesus has done for us, and a way to share the love and grace we've been given.

Jackie Currey

Peace Lutheran Church Council Minutes June 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Bruce Sorensen at 7:08 pm.

Members present: Bruce Sorensen, Pastor Bob Coughlin, Pastor Jeff Redlin, Derrick Monson, Jerry Swenson, John Gillis, Bill Miller, Kari Haas, Ross Leake, Tiina Smith. Members Absent: Tom Gruss, Jackie Currey, Mike Hansen, Val Ross, Jim Cook

1. Opening devotions by Kari.
2. Minutes from May 12, 2016 meeting: Motion to accept the minutes made by Tiina. Jerry seconded. Passed.
3. Val absent, so no Treasurer's report. She will provide it to the council as soon as she has it compiled.
4. Congregational Concerns: One light is out in fellowship hall ceiling. Derrick took note. Streaming not working well, but we have a plan. See New Business, item B.
5. Pastor's reports in full are appended at the end of this document.
 - Bob: Noted that Tues, June 21 from 4-7 pm is the car wash fundraiser in the church parking lot for the Youth Mission Trip. (Original date of June 13 didn't work for most kids.)

- Jeff: Peacemakers ended. (added 7th graders this year....for the most part, went well). Jeff is excited to be able to officiate at Big Sky Chapel this summer...July 24.
Praise for Jackie Currey's "Blessings of Peace" article.....all agreed!

6. New Business:

a. Parsonage repair recommendations:

- Derrick, Jerry, Dave Lanzendorf, Fred Haas, and Pastor Jeff met at the parsonage on June 6 to inspect the property and compile a list of items that need attention. Derrick discussed and provided the list.
- Ashby motioned & Ross seconded we go ahead and repair the parsonage as per the list. Motion carried.
- Tiina made a motion that we rent the parsonage. John G. seconded. Passed by majority. (one dissenter).

b. Internet Service:

- We currently have a pair of bonded DSL lines. (7MB down/2MB up) According to April 2016 bill, we're paying \$242/mo for 2 phone lines & DSL thru Century Link. Eric recommends MT Opticom for internet. Derrick called them and we could get 125MB up/down for \$108/month. Install fee of \$250. Eric Holton suggested we also update the data lines in the church.
- We would keep Century Link for the telephone/fax lines.
- Another phone option to consider: Derrick uses MyFax...an 800 number....the faxes go to email. You can also fax out of your email by scanning. This is \$10/month. (Might consider in lieu of needing 2 phone lines into church to accommodate fax?) No decision on this.
- Pastor Jeff asked that the router be moved out of his office.
- Motion by Ross to proceed with switching our internet to MT Opticom. Bill seconded. Motion passed.
- Motion by John to proceed with updating the data lines inside, seconded by Jerry. Motion passed.

c. July Council Meeting:

- **Due to VBS picnic, July council mtg switched to July 7 at 7:00 pm.** (Mission/Outreach committee will meet at 6 pm instead of 7 pm that same night.)

7. Team Reports:

a. Congregational Life (Tiina):

- Held meeting June 7 (notes provided).
- Church Directory is coming along nicely. People who missed the photography session can still submit (email) a photo to church.
- Church picnic July 14 at 6:00 pm here at Peace (last day of VBS). Church will supply burgers & hotdogs, buns, lemonade, condiments and paper products. Lanzendorf's will supply grill.
- Church-in-Park is planned for August 14 at 9:00 am. Donuts & juice will be provided Tiina will go to City Hall tomorrow to confirm our reservation for the park.
- We no longer have a nursery attendant. Will let it ride for the summer and see if there's a need to find an attendant for the fall.

b. Education/Youth (Ross):

- VBS coming up. Anticipate they will want John's wall tent. Not much else to report.
- Was some discussion of need for Christian Education director. Have had difficulty getting Sunday School teachers the past couple years. Came up with a short list. Pastor Bob & Jinx will call those folks to see what interest they may find.

c. Property Care (Derrick):

- Already discussed under new business.
- Tree got planted tonight (w/SDA). Thanks to Jerry & Karl for digging the hole.

d. Stewardship/Finance (Bill):

- Haven't met since last council meeting.
- Found original articles of incorporation for Peace from June 1982. Will provide copies for anyone interested. Will be sure one goes in church office. Maybe put on website?

e. Outreach/Mission (Kari):

- Didn't meet since last council. Will meet June 7 at 6:00 pm. Bible Sticks special offering collection was very successful!

f. Worship/Music (Bob):

- Will meet next week to plan July/August.

8. Old Business:

a. Cross Stained Glass Windows

- Tiina talked w/Andy after church a couple weeks ago. Before he did anything, he wanted to look at condition of windows. He did get up to look, and the outside window panes aren't good and should be replaced. They could replace them with a lightly tinted glass. Would be anti-glare. It wouldn't block all the light, but should alleviate most of the problem. He is going to call Tiina tomorrow. She will find out what it might cost, since it would entail new outer panes, not just a film.
- b. SDA Tree planting (Jerry):
- It was done tonight. Would like to do a plaque to commemorate. Pastors will talk to SDA pastor and Diane O.
- c. Library recommendations: (Bob)
- Recommendation is to change it into a children's library. Take teen books out and put in the teen room using one of the bookcases from library. Put adult books into an area of fellowship hall. Pretty much run it so teen and adult books are a "book exchange" No checkout, self serve. Children's library would be used by Sunday School. Use \$\$ from Judi's memorial to replace the remaining bookshelves and make it more child-friendly, small kid table/chairs, lower shelves, etc.
 - Motion made by Bob to accept the recommendations re: library. Tiina seconded. Motion carried.

John moved and Derrick seconded to adjourn at 8:35 pm. **Next meeting July 7 at 0700.** Devotions will be provided by Ross.

Respectfully submitted,
Kari Haas

Pastor's Report

June 9, 2016

Bob Coughlin

Youth Mission Meeting – Parents and Youth (May 12): Unfortunately, only one member of the team of six showed up and one parent (of two other youth). We covered the schedule, costs, housing and transportation. We decided on our departure date (Saturday, August 6) and that we will go to a Rockies MLB game on Sunday, August 7 before we report to CSM that evening. Housing for that Saturday will be at Faith Community Church (LCMC) in Longmont, CO. We will meet again some evening in June. I will help with a car wash fund-raiser. The date hasn't been set.

Lutheran World Relief (May 14): I helped load quilts and school kits with a group of about a dozen others. We had more boxes than fit in the semi-trailer. Great team effort!

Trip to Minnesota (May 15-22): We flew out immediately after the Pentecost service. Drove down to spend time with Dianne's parents, spent time with my family in Minneapolis, officiated the wedding and caught a Twins game. Good to be back to be with family and friends since my mother had passed away.

Lady Bug Chapel (May 24-25): I conducted the final 3 chapels of the year, reminding the kids that God will go with them this summer. Got lots of hugs, handshakes, and high-fives! LB would like to continue having "Pastor Chapel" next fall. I have enjoyed this partnership and the way it connects PLC & LB.

WGAMA Luncheon (May 25): PLC hosted the meeting with about 12 clergy and friends. Thank you!! The group wanted to continue our "Pastor's Column" for the Belgrade News in the summer months. I checked with the Editor, Michael Tucker and he was delighted. We discussed which day worked best for our gatherings next season. We will make the move back to Wednesdays in the fall. None present had information about the Baccalaureate service at BHS (I had been trying to get the Gideons to provide Bibles). Turned out, it was that evening. Dianne attended. One of our recent confirmands, Derek Marks, spoke from John 14. He was impressive!

Marriage Counseling (May 26): Met with Emma Messenger and Nick Dyksterhouse about their upcoming wedding ceremony and marriage (July 23). Finalized the service, and gave them the book Things I Wish I'd Known Before We Got Married by Gary Chapman.

Graduation Parties (May 28): Dianne and I attended graduation parties of Jordan Beckman, Krista Callantine and Derek Marks. We enjoy being able to attend family celebrations.

Visitation (June 2): Dianne and I shared communion with Gary Gee. It was the first time we saw Gary sitting up in a long time. He looked weak and his hands seem to shake more than I've noticed before. He talked to Dianne about singing at his funeral.

Education and Youth Committee (June 2): Discussed VBS, Peace Library, Sunday school, Nursery, Youth Mission Trip and Confirmation Fall '16.

Soldier's Chapel (June 5): I Love being able to lead this group in worship at such a beautiful place!

Derek Marks (June 6): Met to catch up on his last year of HS before he enters college. I am very impressed (and encouraged) with how this young man has developed in his spiritual life since confirmation.

Congregational Life Committee (June 7): Discussed Peace Picnic (July 14), Outdoor Worship (August 14?) and finalizing the Church directory.

Up and Coming: We have two weddings, July 2, 16, we would like to attend. One is a former member of PLC (in Sheridan, WY), the other a former IV student (in Seattle). Would have to miss the Sunday after each date (service will be covered by Pr. Jeff).

Book I just finished:

- Paul, a novel by Walter Wangerin. A vivid portrayal of the life of the Apostle Paul and the early church. Captured the struggles and conflicts they both faced. Fun, fascinating read.

Books I am reading now:

- Finishing Well in Life and Ministry by Bill Mills and Craig Parro. Bill Mills led the retreat I went on last month. This book traces characters from the Old and New Testament and how they survived and thrived in service to others. Helpful wisdom taken from the pages of Scripture.
- Only One Way: The Message of Galatians by John R.W. Stott. The month of June I am shaping my messages around the book of Galatians. Rev. Stott has always provided me with valuable insight on Biblical texts.

Family stuff:

- Our son, Matt and his family are in Montana this week to attend a sister-in-law's wedding. I am enjoying being able to spend time with them and do my job spoiling the grandkids.
- Dianne is back to be with her parents. Her return date is not definite. Her mother continues in Hospice care and decisions need to be made about what to do next. Dianne suspects that she will have a few trips (monthly?) back to Minnesota this summer. I don't expect to go back unless there is a funeral.

Pastor's Report

June 9, 2016

Pastor Jeff Redlin

General Pastor and Church-related Duties and Events

1) Peacemakers- Ended May 19 w/ picnic in the park behind Saddle Peak Elementary. 10 children and 3 adults attended

2) Officiated Outdoor wedding, Choteau, MT Saturday, May 21.

3) Scheduled to officiate at Big Sky Chapel, Sunday July 24

4) Misty and I have been asked by Pr. Bub Veis to lead a worship service at Joy Lutheran Church in Billings on Sunday, July 31. Bud asked me to preach also. Joy is a recent LCMC mission start congregation. They wanted to make the service a community outreach event so I hope we can help make this a success.

Other

1) Special thank you to Jackie Currey for her "Blessings of Peace" newsletter articles. Great idea and very well done!

2)) Final Ladybug Preschool chapel was Wednesday, May 25. Good relationships have been made between pastors, preschool teachers and children- which is one of the important goals for Pr. Bob & I.

- 3) Attended Montana Family Foundation luncheon June 1 at Hilton Garden Inn, Bozeman. Led the Closing Prayer after conclusion of speakers.
- 4) For the past few months I've been meeting with a married couple from our community to help them with marriage difficulties. (This was a referral from a PLC member.) PTL that there has been significant progress in their relationship!
- 5) Builder assured us that closing and move in date for our new home remains July 6. Misty and I hope to move in shortly thereafter-though VBS on July 11-14 does present a challenge! At the latest, we will have the parsonage and grounds thoroughly cleaned and move-in ready shortly after VBS, at least for the things we will be doing. (Property comm. has parsonage repair list they will work with)
- 6) Vacation- June 16-20, 2016 in OR.
- 7) Friday, June 24- I have site visit to Christ Lutheran Church, Whitefish to meet with Pr. John Bent to discuss facility needs for upcoming April ,2017 LCMC NW District annual gathering.
- 8) Last, and not at all least, THANK YOU SO MUCH council members for your generous housing allowance in lieu of our new home purchase.

Peace Lutheran Church Newsletter Financial Reports

August 2016 Newsletter (June 2016 Finance Info)

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| General Fund Ending 6/30/16 | |
| General Fund Balance 6/1/16 | 14,730.77 |
| General Fund Income - June Envelopes & Plates | 12,358.01 |
| Less June Operating Expenses | (16,677.18) |
| June General Fund Balance: | (4,319.17) |
| Benevolence Payable (due, but not paid) | (4,611.21) |
| YTD General Fund Ending Balance 6/30/16 | 5,800.39 |

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| Special Donations Fund Ending 6/30/16 | |
| Special Fund Balance 1/1/16 | 28,265.50 |
| Special Fund Donations | 2,769.00 |
| Special Fund Disbursements | (17,140.00) |
| YTD Special Fund Balance 6/30/16 | 13,894.50 |
| Building Fund Balance Ending 6/30/16 | |
| Building Fund Balance 1/1/16 | 7,073.09 |
| Transfers from General Fund | 12,000.00 |
| Building Fund Donations | 1,750.00 |
| Building Fund Disbursements | 0.00 |
| YTD Building Fund Balance 6/30/16 | 20,823.09 |



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Scriptures for August

August 7 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-16 Luke 12:22-34

August 14 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:16-29 Psalm 119:81-88
Hebrews 11:17-31 (32-40) 12:1-3 Luke 12:49-53 (54-56)

August 21 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:18-23 Psalm 50:1-15
Hebrews 12:4-24 (25-29) Luke 13:22-30

August 28 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 25:2-10 Psalm 131
Hebrews 13:1-17 Luke 14:1-14

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