



Words of Peace

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Church**

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Farewell Pr. Jeff & Misty

*Please join us June 24 for a special
worship service followed by a Potluck in
honor of Pr. Jeff & Misty's four years
with Peace Lutheran*

*Meat & beverages will be provided; please bring a potluck
side dish or dessert to share.*



2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The dates for this year's Vacation Bible School will be July 30 through August 2. We will once again have counselors from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp leading, but we'll still need adult and youth volunteers from the congregation. Let the office know if you would be available to help. Register students online at peace2you.org.....click on: "VBS Registration." *Our Pre-K & Kindergarten classes are filling up fast, so if you have a child in that category, don't wait too much longer to sign them up. Class size is limited!*

CALL COMMITTEE SURVEY RESULTS

The Call Committee would like to thank everyone who completed their survey. This information will be very helpful in choosing Pr. Jeff's successor. Here are the results as of Wednesday, May 23.

1. The majority of the surveys indicated they prefer a minister.
2. The majority of the surveys indicated they would prefer 2-5 years of experience.
3. The majority of the surveys indicated no preference between male and female.
4. Some of the strengths the surveys indicated were: communicator; good listener; compassionate; biblically based teacher; be involved in both the church and the local community; work well with young people and young families; leader.
5. Large majority indicated that Biblically based teaching is important.
6. Majority liked the mix of services.
7. Other: to apply teachings to our current times; good fit with Pr. Bob; some want efficient use of time in the services; to know God and have a biblical knowledge; commit to serve; energetic; mission opportunities; how can they make us better followers of God.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
(Philippians 1: 3-6)



We have all said, or at least have heard the saying, “Time flies.” Well that sure is true for me. My first immersion, so to speak, in the life of Peace Lutheran Church, was during the Lent season (February- March of 2014). Prior to that in 2013, Misty and I had worshipped here mainly in stealth mode. Meaning that we kept the fact that I was an ordained LCMC pastor to ourselves! But, when your beloved Pastor Bob was stricken with a sudden and severe heart attack during surgery, I knew the Lord God had brought me here to help you out in a pastoral way.

But as time went on, I realized it was more than just that. I began to understand that this was a *calling*, that Peace Lutheran Church was a very special place with very special people. I grew to know I was welcomed for who I was as a person, and for the particular pastoral gifts and abilities that God has blessed me with. As Pastor Bob was able to return to full-time pastoral ministry as your Lead pastor I discovered that we complimented each other quite well as pastors and that we shared a mutual respect and fondness for each other that continues to this day.

Which brings me to speak about the current time. Most of you know that Misty and I are moving to Minnesota at the end of June. In fact, June 24, will be my last Sunday with you. Our reasons for doing so make sense to us and I pray that you will understand also. First, we desire to be closer to our children and grandchildren living in Minnesota. We are over 1000 miles away from our 3 year old granddaughter and 1 year old grandson. We miss them greatly and want to be part of their growing years and more grandchildren are being planned for by our 2 sons and their wives! Misty and I also have siblings and their families nearby in Minnesota that we look forward to seeing on a regular basis.

Secondly, at age 63+ I want to slow things down and phase into retirement. With that in mind, I have accepted a part-time call at Bethlehem West Elbow Lake Lutheran Church in Elbow Lake, Minnesota. I have learned that the members there use the acronym BWELL. Rather clever, that! I think of it as *be well* in Christ. Anyway, it is a congregation that worships about 50 people a week in the county seat of Grant county. Misty and I are actually making our home in Fergus Falls, 20 miles from Elbow Lake in the hilly, lake country of west central Minnesota. BWELL is a congregation that desires an experienced solo pastor and I am looking forward to a return to that position as I near the finish line of my pastoral career.

Thirdly, it has also become apparent to us that the Gallatin Valley has become too expensive for us to retire in even if we wanted to. I was a farmer for many years and as such I do not have sufficient pension, 401k's, etc. to make a go of it here in retirement. Moreover, this valley is growing and changing rapidly and for me personally, this growth and change does not suit me well.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, I will leave here with a grateful and thankful heart. Misty and I have been richly blessed during our time with you! Your support and encouragement are something that we treasure. We will truly miss you! It is my sincere hope that my 4 years as a pastor at Peace Lutheran Church will be something that all of you are grateful and thankful for as well.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Jeff

Dear Family at Peace Lutheran,

As I sit to write this month's letter to you, I am a few days away from our study tour of Israel with Montana Bible College. We have been planning for this since November by reading books, watching educational videos, meeting with members of the group, gathering travel documents, packing and praying.



To say that we can't believe the day has finally come is a vast understatement!

While in Israel, we will be following the 'footsteps of Jesus'. After our first morning at our "welcome to Jerusalem" on the Mount of Olives we head south to Bethlehem and the surrounding area. We'll make our way to the Jordan River and float on the Dead Sea. We then travel up north to Mount Carmel, Nazareth and the towns surrounding the Sea of Galilee taking in sites where Jesus taught, called his first followers, calmed the storming seas, and preformed several miracles. We will climb the hill and take in the view from the Church of the Beatitudes near Capernaum in the vicinity of where Jesus gave his Sermon on the Mount.

Lastly, our journey takes to Jerusalem to visit the marked sites of the of Jesus' last supper with his disciples, the garden where he went to pray and was betrayed and arrested. We will spend time visiting remains of the temple and places during Jesus trial and crucifixion. We end our tour in places devoted to the resurrection, the ascension and the spot where the Christian Church was born.

Just writing this is getting me excited!!

I decided to go on this journey while I am still a pastor in hopes that it will help make me a better one! I expect this first-hand experience in the 'Land of the Bible' will open my eyes to see things and be able to teach things from fresh perspective. Personally, I am looking for this experience to enrich my spirit and energize my soul.

I am very grateful to have this opportunity of a lifetime! I am grateful that Dianne can go with me. Being with Fred and Kari Haas from our congregation is such a bonus! I am grateful for the time of vacation and study granted by the Church Council. I am also very grateful that Pastor Jeff remains at PLC so that the pastoral duties will be well covered!

We ask for your prayers for our health and safety, for our openness to learn and for our willingness to serve those that we are with. I look forward to telling you all about our experience after we return June 13.

Gratefully,
Pr. Bob



June 3 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	<i>Dakota Road</i> <i>Pr. Jeff Redlin</i>
Piano	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
Acolyte	
Usher/Greeter Lector	<i>Vern & Carol Albertson</i> <i>Bette March</i>
Refreshments	<i>Lanzendorf Family</i>
June 10 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	<i>Service of the Word</i> <i>Pr. Jeff Redlin</i>
Piano	<i>Nancy Murdock</i>
Acolyte	
Usher/Greeters Lector	<i>Jim Moss & Martin Haas</i> <i>Misty Redlin</i>
Refreshments	<i>Bob & Carol White</i> <i>Glyn & Val Ross</i>
June 17 4th Sunday after Pentecost	<i>ELW #3</i> <i>Pr. Bob Coughlin</i>
Piano	<i>Jackie Currey</i>
Acolyte	
Usher/Lector/Refreshments	<i>Fred & Kari Haas</i>
June 24 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	<i>Country Gospel</i> <i>Pr. Jeff Redlin</i>
Piano	<i>Lorrie Hansen</i>
Acolyte	
Usher/Lector	<i>Steve & Tiina Smith</i>
Council for June	<i>Rollie Rieger, Kari Haas &</i> <i>Megan Paulson</i>
Altar Guild for June	<i>Karlene Swenson</i> <i>Jinx Sorensen</i>

JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pr. Jeff's day off	2 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist Belgrade High Graduation
3 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship – Dakota Road 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship 3:00 p.m. Piano Recital	4 Pr. Bob's day off 5-6 p.m. Food Bank 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	5 7:00 p.m. Prayer Group	6 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Re-Piecers	7	8 Pr. Jeff's day off	9 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
10 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship – Service of the Word 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship 4:00 p.m. Piano Recital	11 Pr. Bob's day off 5-6 p.m. Food Bank 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	12 7:00 p.m. Prayer Group	13 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Re-Piecers	14  7p.m. Council	15 Pr. Jeff's day off	16 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
17 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship – ELW # 3 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship	18 Pr. Bob's day off 12-4 p.m. Clothes Closet 5-6 p.m. Food Bank 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	19 7:00 p.m. Prayer Group	20 Newsletter Due 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Re-Piecers	21 12N – Worship Comm. Mtg. @ Coughlin's	22 Pr. Jeff's day off	23 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist
24 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship- Country Gospel 10:00 a.m. Farewell Potluck for Jeff & Misty Redlin 4:30 p.m. Community Café	25 Pr. Bob's day off 5-6 p.m. Food Bank 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	26 7:00 p.m. Prayer Group	27 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Re-Piecers	28 12-6 – Blood Drive @ Belgrade Community Church	29	30 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7 th Day Adventist



If you would like to show your thanks for something in the next newsletter, please contact the office.....call, email or scribble a note.

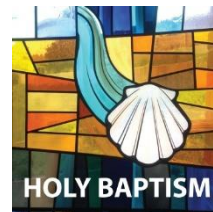
- ✚ To everyone that helped load the LWR truck May 12th.
- ✚ To Jerry & Karl Swenson for mowing, trimming and spraying the lawn.
- ✚ To all our Sunday School Teachers and Musicians who made this education year so special. We couldn't do it without you!
- ✚ Thanks to Jinx Sorensen for taking care of our recycling items.
- ✚ To Bruce Sorensen & Jim Caldwell for all their work in the Community Gardens.
- ✚ To the Men's Breakfast group for their financial support for the Pentecost geraniums and those who planted them.
- ✚ To everyone who has helped beautify our Peace Gardens!
- ✚ To Dianne Coughlin & Joni Sando for helping out in the office while Karlene was recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

The LWR truck has come and gone once again. It never ceases to amaze us how God works with the people of Southwestern Montana. The semi started its journey in Missoula collecting donations from the Missoula area churches. Several congregations dropped off their contributions with the final loading point being our parking lot.



May these quilts, etc. spread the love of God to areas near and far. We are blessed with the time, talent and resources to make this project a success.

.....100 quilts for Lutheran World Relief, 60 School Kits, 20 Health Kits, 20 Layettes, and 12 quilts for homeless Belgrade High School students!!



BAPTISMS FOR JUNE

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

- 1 Michelle Hampson
- 2 Chuck & Joyce Ludwig
- 4 Roy Finkbeiner
- 7 Autumn Weathers
- 10 Tom Gruss
Dalton Koosman
- 11 Trish Baker
- 12 Stacey Larson
- 14 Chase Bell
Udo Akukwe
- 15 Jim Moss
Sarah Beal
- 17 Melissa Finkbeiner
- 19 Jason Weathers
- 21 Deegan Watson
- 24 Ryan Rieger
Karl Schievelbein
Paul Flanagan
- 25 Cohan Taylor
- 26 David Lanzendorf
- 29 Catherine Donaldson





Birthdays and Anniversaries for June

If your birthday or anniversary isn't listed or has the wrong date, please contact the church office so that it can be corrected on the church records. Office email is PeaceLutheran@Live.com



- 1 Derek & Nicky Swenson
Jason & Tracy Weathers
Jennifer Miller
- 3 Doug & Paula Johnson
- 5 Ty Sando
- 6 Carl & Candice Donaldson
- 8 Michael Erickson
- 11 Maria Pipinich
Remmy Swenson
- 12 Andrew & Tracey Bolich
John & Jennifer Handsaker
Fawn Wyman
- 13 Jimmy Murdock
Lisa Sutton
Tara & Jack Bachofer
- 14 Phil & Kate Davis
- 15 Gary & Debbie Porter
Ashlyn Lee
Bryleigh Larson
- 16 Pr. Bob & Dianne Coughlin
John & Wynne Gillis
Dylan Bell
Jim & Julie Hanson
- 17 Kevin & Julie Mattson
- 18 Eli Love
Taylin Wyman
- 19 Stan & Doreen Olean
- 20 Peggy & Mark Hall
- 21 Kyle Campbell
- 22 Jerry & Karlene Swenson
Josh & Corie Love
- 23 Lewis & Diana Murphy
- 24 Rollin Rieger
SharlaRae Kuka
De'Anne Smith
- 26 Joe & Lisa Sutton
- 29 Cameron Handsaker
- 30 Tom & SharlaRae Kuka
Brandon & Kristen Steadman

July Ministry Team

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

Dan & Anthony Madison
Rollin & Kristy Rieger
Ross & Claudia Leake
Dennis & Cheryl Bechtold
Nancy Avery/John Manzo
Terry & Nancy Schievelbein
Derek & Nicky Swenson
Tom & SharlaRae Kuka
Jimmy & Nancy Murdock
Phil & Kate Davis
Darin & Jayme Swenson
Jim & Pam Cook
Cindy Sherman
Al & Judy Arensmeyer
Shawn & Tina Beckman
Peggy Hall
Eric & Stacey Larson
Carl & Katy Grassel
Al & Jennifer Trainer
Jessie Watson

GIVE BLOOD.....SAVE A LIFE

June 28 is the next blood drive that Peace will be hosting at the Belgrade Community Church. Please sign up to donate much needed blood or help out with refreshments, registration, etc. Thanks!

*2018 High School Graduate
Mathew Mitchell*



IT'S PEACE GARDEN SEASON

Once again we are enjoying the tulips and daffodils in the Peace Garden. The weeds and unwanted grass are growing well also. This season Julie Mattson, Cindy Gee and I (Diane Oddy) are planning to work in the garden on Tuesday mornings starting at 9AM. We would love help at any time during the summer. The soil is wonderful to work in (by Belgrade standards) and Julie and Cindy are a wealth of gardening knowledge. Please join us for some sun, fun and dirt.



Peace Lutheran Church Newsletter Financial Reports

June 2018 Newsletter (April 2018 Finance Info)

General Fund Ending 4/30/18	
General Fund Balance 4/1/18	7,746.23
General Fund Income - January Envelopes & Plates	19,876.68
Less April Operating Expenses	(14,476.49)
April General Fund Balance:	<u>5,400.19</u>
Benevolence Payable (due, but not paid)	(1,450.76)
YTD General Fund Ending Balance 4/30/18	<u>11,695.66</u>

Special Donations Fund Ending 4/30/18	
Special Fund Balance 1/1/18	16,048.78
Special Fund Donations	16,553.00
Special Fund Disbursements	(15,730.00)
YTD Special Fund Balance 4/30/18	<u>16,871.78</u>
Building Fund Balance Ending 4/30/18	
Building Fund Balance 1/1/18	47,865.37
Transfers from General Fund	3,000.00
Building Fund Donations	2,425.00
Furnace Fund Donations	5,867.00
Furnace Fund Disbursements	(8,135.00)
Building Fund Disbursements	(975.52)
YTD Building Fund Balance 4/30/18	<u>50,046.85</u>

JUNE LAWN MOWING SCHEDULE

June 4 **Rollie Rieger**
June 11 **Bill Zankowski**
June 18 **Glyn Ross**
June 25 **Fred Haas**





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Scriptures for June

June 3 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Deut. 5:12-15	Psalm 81:1-10
2 Corinth. 4:5-12	Mark 2:23-29(3:1-6)

June 10 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15	Psalm 130
2 Corinth. 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35

June 17 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 17:22-24	Psalm 1
2 Corinth. 5:1-10(11-17)	Mark 4:26-34

June 24 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-11	Psalm 124
2 Corinth. 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41

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