



Words of Peace

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Peace Lutheran Church

*A congregation of Lutheran
Congregations in Mission for Christ*

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THE RE-OPENING OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Phase 1

First and foremost, we want to give honor and praise to our Lord. We are so grateful to be a part of the Peace Community and we can't wait to get together to worship our Risen Savior again.

However, in order to be wise/prudent and to watch out for the vulnerable among us, we have developed guidelines for a safe and thoughtful return to worship. **Please see page 2 & 3.**

Reopening Peace Lutheran Church Phase 1

Peace Lutheran Church will follow local, state and federal guidelines which are in effect. Additionally, and specific to our re-opening:

- If you are not feeling well, stay home. This is extremely important for all of us.
- We will continue to livestream the 9:00 am service, so watching from home is always an option for anyone who prefers not to venture out.
- To begin with, we will hold two worship services: **9:00 am** and **10:45 am**. Families whose last name begins with “**A-M**” are asked to attend the **9:00 am** service, and last names of “**N-Z**” are asked to attend the **10:45 am** service. (Family/grandparents with different last names are welcome to come together). Due to the size of our sanctuary, we are aiming for no more than 20 households at each service.
- Maintain 6 foot distance between family units as you enter the church. Use hand sanitizer (mounted on wall), then take a bulletin and enter the sanctuary. You are welcome to leave the sanctuary through any of the doors (west door in back of the sanctuary, south door by the piano, or main entrance.) Doors and windows will be kept open (weather permitting) for fresh air exchange.
- Seating in the sanctuary will be done to allow 6 foot distancing between family units. To begin with, council members will serve as ushers in order to ensure proper social distancing. (The fellowship hall will be available with streaming in the event it is needed to maintain proper spacing.)
- We will print enough bulletins with music/liturgy/and Scripture for both services. They will not be re-used, but should be taken home or deposited in the recycling box on your way out.
- We ask parishioners not to shake hands, hug, or share “the peace” with each other at this time.
- For communion, pastors will bless the elements, and then each family group will go up separately to pick up their elements, partake, and deposit the cups before returning to their seats.
- An “offertory box” will be placed near the main entrance of the sanctuary where you pick up your bulletin. People can also continue to give online or by mail.
- Before entering the sanctuary, wash your hands and use the hand sanitizer that is provided in “easy to reach” locations in the church. We also strongly encourage the use of face masks, though it is not a requirement. Again, please stay home if you are not feeling well.
- For parishioners needing to use the restroom, please stagger use of bathrooms to minimize congestion in the hallway. In addition, we will have disinfecting wipes/spray for parishioners to clean the faucets, door handles, and toilet handles after use.

- Following each service, we will ask parishioners to use available supplies to wipe down the areas where they were sitting and to vacate the sanctuary in a “methodical” manner. Council and other volunteers will disinfect common spaces (including restrooms, faucet & toilet handles, doorknobs, light switches, etc.) before and after each service.
- There will be no fellowship activities or refreshments following worship at this time.
- Unfortunately, we will not be able to have the choir gather and sing during this phase 1. The choir will be greatly missed, but we will look forward to their return when conditions allow.
- Lastly, there will be “Phase 1 Reopening Guidelines” posters in the main entrances of the building and on bulletin boards. These posters are a good reminder to help us ensure the safety of one another.

Thank you, Peace Lutheran, for your thoughtful consideration. We appreciate your willingness to join us in doing our part to keep ourselves and each other safe during this time of great change.

In Christ,

Pastor Bob Coughlin
Pastor Andrew Young
Peace Lutheran Church Council

Psalm 91 (NLT)

¹ Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

*² This I declare about the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;
he is my God, and I trust him.*

Dear Family at Peace,

As everyone has had to alter their way of life the past month and there is much uncertainty about the days ahead, we struggle, trying to make the best of a very difficult situation. Psalm 91 is a prayer that recognizes two seemingly contradictory realities: while our lives include pain, disease and death, our God is good, a place of safety in whom we can trust.

³ For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease.

⁴ He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings.

His faithful promises are your armor and protection.

⁵ Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day.

⁶ Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday.

But, the question needs to be asked, “If God is able to do what he says – protect, cover, and shelter, what is our responsibility in following safety procedures and practicing protocols to prevent the spread of this deadly disease?”

The Lord promises all these things to those who make their dwelling in Him.(v.1) Jesus identifies His disciples as those who “*abide*”, “*live*”, “ *dwell*” or “*rest*” in Him through eating His flesh and drinking His blood. (Jn.6:56) They also live in His word. (Jn. 8:31) Above all else we live connected to him as branches abide in the vine (Jn. 15:7-8) This is Jesus’ way of telling us what it means to those who live in the shelter of the Most High. This is what we must strive to do in order to claim God’s promises.

While we experience inconvenience, suffering and the evil of the recent pandemic, we also know divine protection and deliverance.

¹⁴ The LORD says, “I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name.

*¹⁵ When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble.
I will rescue and honor them.*

¹⁶ I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation.”

We do not know what to expect from a time such as this. But we can live with the expectation that we have life because of the resurrected Jesus who has been sacrificed so that we might be reconciled with our Heavenly Father. The victory has already been won!

During this time of uncertainty and fear, we choose to live in the shelter of the Most High and find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

Gratefully,
Pastor Bob



Ministry Teams

May 3 4th Sunday of Easter	<i>ELW #4</i>
Piano	<i>Lorrie Hansen</i>
May 10 5th Sunday of Easter	<i>Sing a New Song</i>
Piano	<i>Jackie Currey</i>
May 17 6th Sunday of Easter	<i>ELW #10</i>
Piano	<i>Joe Sutton</i>
Ushers/Greeters	<i>Council Members</i>
May 24 7th Sunday of Easter	<i>Dakota Road</i>
Piano	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
Ushers	<i>Council Members</i>
May 31 Day of Pentecost	<i>Service of the Word</i>
Piano	<i>Jinx Sorensen</i>
Ushers/Greeters	<i>Council Members</i>
Council for May	<i>Joni Sando, Bruce Sorensen</i> <i>Jerry Swenson</i>
Altar Guild for May	<i>Karlene Swenson</i> <i>Carol White/Kristy Rieger</i>

MAY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 4 th Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Worship –ELW 4 Online	4	5 1:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study	6	7 7:00 p.m. Council	8	9
10 5 th Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. Worship – Sing a New Song Online <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>	11	12 1:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study	13	14	15	16
17 6 th Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship – ELW 10	18	19 10 a.m. Weed Warriors 1:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study	20 10 a.m. Re-Piecers	21	22	23
24 7 th Sunday of Easter 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship – Dakota Road	25 Church office closed 	26 10 a.m. Weed Warriors 1:30 p.m. ZOOM Bible Study	27 10 a.m. Re-Piecers	28	29	30
31 Day of Pentecost 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship – Service of the Word						



Scholarship money has been established by church council to help with registration costs for PLC children and young adults who plan to attend Lutheran or non-Lutheran Bible Camp this summer! Summer Bible camps are filling up so please inquire about this great opportunity as soon as possible! For more information please contact Pastor Bob, Pastor Andrew or Karlene at the church office.



Birthdays and Anniversaries for May

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

2	Harvey Carter
3	Larry Oddy
7	Nancy Schievelbein
8	Carol Albertson
9	Tina Beckman
11	Jayme Swenson
12	Fred Haas
	Donna Mellinger
13	Hannah Sutton
14	Matt Streich
	Colter Handsaker
15	Dan Madison
	Anthony Madison
17	Sarah Bechtold Beal
18	Lori Lanzendorf
	Stan Bolin
20	Kelsey Erickson
21	Nancy Norberg
	Glyn & Val Ross
	Al & Jennifer Trainer
23	Ikenna & Karen (Moss) Akukwe
27	Lorrie Hansen
25	Natilee Johnson
29	Pam Cook
	Carl Donaldson
30	Ione Gruss
	Patrick Pollington



Plant the Seed Dinner and Silent Auction rescheduled for October 5. Watch for more information!

June Ministry Team

In May a council member will be calling the following

June Ministry Team Members:

Vern & Carol Albertson
Art & Trish Baker
Deb Durham
Fred & Kari Haas
Eric & Connie Holton
Doug & April Johnson
Amy Lanzendorf
Dave & Lori Lanzendorf
Ashby & Linda Miller
Jim Moss
Troy & Megan Paulson
Rollie & Kristy Rieger
Glyn & Val Ross
Trish Severson
Steve & Tiina Smith
Brandon & Deanna Thurston
Bob & Carol White

Looking Ahead to June and July.....

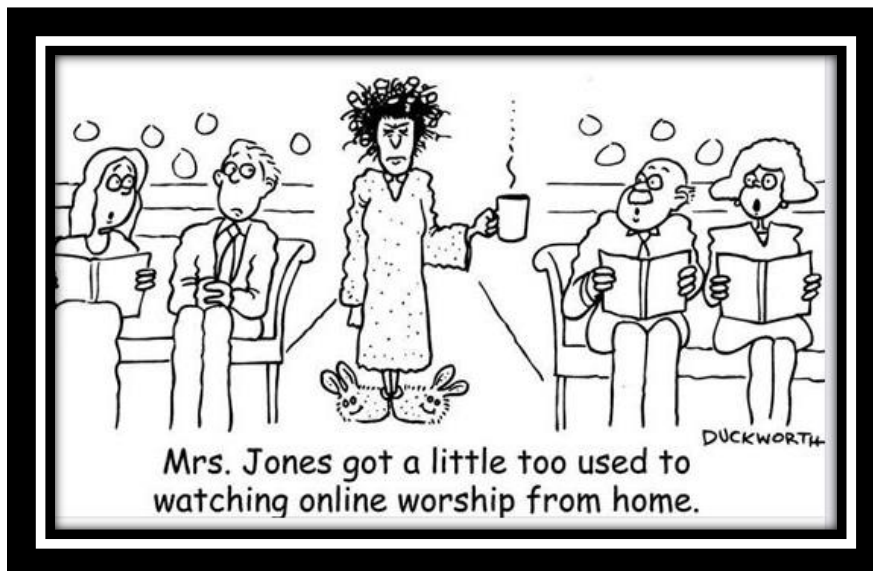
FRIDAY, JULY 10.....Lutheran World Relief Truck will be here to load quilts.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 27-31

In the coming weeks, decisions will be made regarding Vacation Bible School. We have secured counselors from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp again this year, but with the COVID19 situation, everything is “up in the air” at this point in time. Watch for updates.

Hang in there everyone.....better days are coming!



Peace Lutheran Church Newsletter Financial Reports

May 2020 Newsletter (March 2020 Finance Info)

General Fund Ending 3/31/20	
General Fund Balance 3/1/20	33,596.67
General Fund Income - March Envelopes & Plates	18,148.30
Less March Operating Expenses	(24,290.61)
March General Fund Balance:	<u>(6,142.31)</u>
Benevolence Payable (due, but not paid)	500.00
YTD General Fund Ending Balance 3/31/20	<u>27,954.36</u>

Special Donations Fund Ending 3/31/20	
Special Fund Balance 1/1/20	20,086.97
Special Fund Donations	15,905.00
Special Fund Disbursements	<u>(15,262.00)</u>
YTD Special Fund Balance 3/31/20	<u>20,729.97</u>
Building Fund Balance Ending 3/31/20	
Building Fund Balance 1/1/20	48,008.90
Transfers from General Fund	2,250.00
Building Fund Donations	795.00
Siding Fund Donations	32,030.00
Building Fund Disbursements	<u>(2.00)</u>
YTD Building Fund Balance 3/31/20	<u>83,081.90</u>

NEED HELP THIS SUMMER?

One of our college student members is home for the summer and is willing to help out if anyone has a need for child care. She would love to watch kids for a family or two. She would also be able to help if families are struggling with their kids doing school from home while mom and dad have to go back to work. If you know of anyone, please let me know or have them call Emma Adams at 388-0545.



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Please take this with you if you are visiting. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact the church office at 388-1358 or email us at peacelutheran@live.com.

The newsletter is available on our website: www.peace2you.org.

If you do not have web access, we will be happy to mail it to you.

Scriptures for May

May 3 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10

May 10 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-9;7:2;51-60 Psalm 146
1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

May 17 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:16-31 Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

May 24 – 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-26 Psalm 68:1-10
1 Peter 4:12-19;5:6-11 John 17:1-11

May 31 – Day of Pentecost

Numbers 11:24-30 Psalm 25:1-15
Acts 2:1-21 John 7:37-39

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