# AUGUST 2023

Peace Lutheran Church Worshiping, Gathering, Serving

4512 France Avenue North Robbinsdale, MN 55422

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# Peace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

"We at Peace Lutheran Church are developing passionate disciples of Jesus Christ according to the Word: gathering together in community, worshipping the Triune God, and ministering to the needs of others."

#### **Worship Service Time**

Sun. Worship at 9:15 A.M. Sun. Education Hour (September through May) at 10:30 A.M.

#### Staff

Pastor:

Rev. Steven Jones

Office Administrator:

Kathy Bencker

Organist & Director of Music:

Leah Galaudet

Peace Choir and Hand Bell Director:

**Grace Maunula** 

Peace Praise Singers:

Leah Galaudet & Annie Pitschka

Parish Nurse:

Melissa Jones

Youth Director:

**Katrina Schmidt** 

# PEACE OFFERINGS

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#### From Pastor Jones

## "Encouragement"

The dry weather we have this summer has put me in mind of the prophet Elijah.

Elijah, too, had to deal with a drought. The king and queen of the Northern Kingdom of Israel were wicked and had turned away from Yahweh God to worship gods of their own choosing. Elijah brought them message and warning from Yahweh time and time again, but they refused to listen. The drought was severe.

The king and queen doubled down on their false worship and wrong priorities. They even arrested and killed or imprisoned all those faithful servants of Yahweh, as if that would help. Elijah, too, was discouraged.

Weary, afraid for his life, hunted, and yet never forgotten by the Lord God. Even after his monumental encounter on the Mount Carmel showing God's tremendous power and justice, he was still down. In fact, he laid down and prayed to die.

Maybe you have felt like that. So overwhelmed that there seems to be no way out. No hope. No joy remaining. God did not abandon Elijah. He sent an angel, and then later God Himself came to Elijah. But not as you might suspect – fire, and thunder, and earthquakes. He came to Elijah as a still, small voice (1 Kings 19).

And that was enough. Elijah resumed his mission and finished the course. The wicked king and queen were judges and perished. Elisha rose up to succeed from Elijah.

God did not forget – God did not abandon.

The mere presence of God buoyed Elijah. The "still, small voice" was enough. God certainly can come in fire and thunder, as He did on Carmel. But He so often speaks to his creatures lovingly, softly, beautifully. Listen for His Voice – and hear the encouragement of the Lord.

Remember, Jesus Himself said: "For I am gentle and lowly of heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:29).



Vacation Bible School 2023: This year's VBS will be on August 7-11 from 9:00am-11:30am and the theme is Stellar: Shine a light on Jesus' love! We're going to launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. Children ages 3 - entering 8th grade are welcome to participate. More information and registration forms are located on <a href="https://www.PeaceLutheranMN.org/vbs">www.PeaceLutheranMN.org/vbs</a>

**VBS Volunteers Needed:** We need your help to make Vacation Bible School happen this year! Talk with Katrina Schmidt or Diane Mills if you can help out in any way (setting up/tearing down, during the week, etc) ~

katrina-schmidt@hotmail.com

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Don't forget to sign your kids up for the 2023-2024 Sunday School year! All kids ages 3—12th grade are invited to participate. Sunday School will be held each Sunday starting on Rally Day on September 10. Registration forms can be done on the Peace website www.peacelutheranmn.org. We are going to have a great year!

#### ADULT EDUCATION

Pastor Steve will lead Sunday morning Adult Education classes in the Fellowship Hall after worship service and Wednesday morning Bible Study at 10:00AM. Check out the bulletins or call the office (763) 533-0570 for more information.



#### Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ

I cannot thank you enough for your continued faithfulness to feeding God's starving children around the world, potentially feeding 5 individuals a daily meal for a year thru your June donation. I think Maria says it so much more eloquently.

This is Maria from Ukraine. She wanted to thank you for the 1,724 meals you funded through your recent donation to Feed My Starving Children. They are making a profound impact on the lives of individuals living in crisis!

"I received this package a long time ago when I lived in the far east in Ukraine where the first war started, when the Russians come. I just decided to keep it, hold onto it, because it reminds me I know people made an effort to ship it all across the ocean, ship it to the Ukraine, and deliver it to me. When I see it, I'm always grateful for that. Please thank people who packed, who shipped it to me because it seems like it came directly from God"

This woman hung on to that empty bag for 10 years as a reminder of hope and God's provision to her through you. When our Partner Mission Eurasia brought a truck full of FMSC food to feed her and other refugees *again in 2022*, this

tears and thanked God!

Please help us spread the word about FMSC's easy ways.

- Pray
- Pack
- Provide

Until all are Fed

Tracie Peterson
Development Representative
Feed My Starving Children | fmsc.org

O: 763.267.6327 <u>tpeterson@fmsc.org</u>



"After much prayer and a lot of soul searching, I have decided that I would like to be considered for the Music Director and/or Organist position(s) here at Peace Lutheran."

June 26, 2003

How do 20 years pass by so quickly? We at Peace have been blessed in so many ways by the music of Leah Galaudet, our Organist/Music director for TWEN-TY YEARS!!!

#### CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT???

Leah has shared her gifts of music with us tirelessly and with grace. We truly are so fortunate to have her with us!

CONGRATULATIONS ON TWENTY YEARS, LEAH! We pray for twenty more!

CELEBRATE LEAH WITH US ON SEPTEMBER 17TH DUR-ING WORSHIP AND POT-LUCK!







# **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!**

Clifford James Nemitz	August 1
John Wayne Pitschka	August 4
Kathy Grace Dufner	August 5
Tina Marie Eskro	August 5
Brandon James Harrison	August 5
Tracie Leigh Lemberg	August 6
Rebecca Anne Reiter	August 6
Devin Michael Trebesch	August 7
Tristan William Eskro	August 9
Bob Morris Vogel	
Ryan Paul Niederloh	August 12
Diane Helen Kresa	
Mark Alan Harrison	August 14
Sherry Joy Kroll	
Colt Cota	August 15
James Andrew Charlton	August 18
Diane Elizabeth Mills	August 20
Isabel Rose Galaudet	August 23
Evelyn Jacky Rae Bottke	
James Ronald Crandall	
Debra Lee Logan	
Hailee Jane Clinton	August 27
Kristina Marie White	August 27
Maya Nabel James	
Mike Paul Vogel	
Ella Christine White	
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# **ACTIVITIES AT PEACE:**

### FUNDRAISER YARD SALE-PEACE PARKING LOT AUGUST 19TH

We need your excess stuff! We will be holding a group yard sale at Peace on August 19th, from 9am to 1pm. This is an opportunity to declutter your home (and keep only what truly "brings you joy").

- . Table set up starts at 7:30am. Each person/family will be provided a table to display the items that you wish to sell. You are responsible for carrying the table to the yard and setting up your sale items.
- \* Each person/family is responsible for pricing their items and collecting payments (so that you can negotiate prices with the customers). Remember to bring enough cash to make change.
- \* You are responsible for cleaning up your area after the sale, returning the table and taking your unsold items with you.
- \* If you don't have enough to sell, consider sharing a table with someone else.
- ALL proceeds of the sale will be donated to Peace (allocated to the Properties fund).
- Each person/family is responsible for donating their funds so that you can keep track of your donation for tax purposes.
- Sale will be held rain or shine. If inclement weather we will set up in the church basement.
- Please reserve a table by August 12th by calling or emailing:
- Colleen Theil (763.923.3674 or cct57@comcast.net) or
- Vicky Frank (612.232.3401 or
- bovik89@gmail.com)

AUGUST 7-11-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-VOLUNTEERS AND SUP-PIES NEEDED! MORE INFO ON PAGE 2.

YARD SALE-AUGUST 19TH - 9:00AM—1:00 PM

SUNDAY AUGUST 20-9:15AM-OUTDOOR WORSHIP ON THE EAST LAWN.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10-RALLY DAY!



# FINAL BINGO AUGUST 20TH AFTER OUTDOOR WORSHIP!

Get ready for the "on-the-edgeof-your-seat"

suspense game with fun and prizes.



# **SERVING IN AUGUST 2023**

## **Greeters:**

06 Liz Reiter, Bill Lindig

13 Sherry Kroll, Berit Gerhardson

20 Bill Lindig, Dave Neumann

27 Nancy Wadsworth, Sherry Kroll

# **Communion Preparation:**

13 Bill Lindig-rail

27 Dale and Darlene Hauschildt-(cont.)

## **Lector/Communion Assistants:**

06 Kathy Bencker

13 Nancy Wadsworth

20 Karen Schmidt

27 Bill Lindig, Jeff Niederloh (asst.) (cont.)

#### **Ushers:**

Team 1: LeoTomperi, Quinn Haaland, Dale Hauschildt

Team 2. Dan Mast, John Reiter III, John Reiter II, Augustus Wrayee

Team 3: Steve Van Tassel, Bob Wadsworth, Gary Schmidt, Jim Hald

Team 5: Dave Neumann, Randy Theil, Dave Minke, Ray Vomhof

# August 06 Team 1

13 Team 3

20 Team 2

27 Team 5

## **Altar Guild**

Colleen and Jenny

# **Worship Video Recording**

Katrina Schmidt



Visit the website www.mnslwml.org or www.lwml.org for upcoming events and a multitude of information about the Minnesota South District LWML and the National LWML.

Pick up the Summer Quarterly magazine and the summer Women on a Mission Newsletter in the coat room!

# A MUST TELL STORY MAKES FOR AN OPPORTUNITY...

In preparing for the church "yard sale", I came across a small, ceramic, all white bird shaped planter. It would be perfect for a "Hen and Chicks" succulent. Someone would buy it just because it was so cute. I'd probably not get what it cost to put the plant in it but, I didn't care.

Off to the parking lot garden shop. I found the proper size plant and went to pay for it. While in line I wondered if I'd need a bit more soil for planning it. I mentioned my dilemma to the lovely young lady cashier. Without a second thought, she reached down to an open bag of potting soil and my problem was solved. Then I shared with her my plan to sell it at the church's yard sale.

The story, overheard by another customer, said "I'd buy it!" "For five dollars?", I quickly asked. "Done", and she handed me five dollars. Then she went on to say that she didn't want it and that I should take it and sell it at the sale! And then she went on to tell the clerk she'd pay for the cost of the plant! I was overwhelmed with her generosity and graciousness. The clerk stood there with her mouth open in disbelief. Now, since the yard sale idea was dropped, I have the little bird planter at home along with the five dollars. It doesn't belong to me. It was meant for the sale! I cannot honestly keep it. So, let's have some fun seeing who will end up with it and the story. This is what I propose: The little bird will be placed on one of the round tables which has been covered in an embroidered cloth, in the narthex. On the same table two papers will be placed, one for the bird and the other for the cloth. People will be able to sign their name and place a bid for either or both items. It will be a silent auction. What will make it even more fun is that anonymous bids will be taken. Anonymous bids are for those who want to bid more than the usual amount. That's a bit more complicated. The bidder will need to call Marion Maynard, and tell her their bid. Marion will assign a number to the bidder, like Anonymous 1, or 2, etc., and add it to the list so others know what they have to bid against. Since all the money collected is for the Properties Board, let's invite our Anglican friends to take part also!

\*The Auction will begin the first Sunday in August and end after the third Sunday. The winners will be announced?????

LET THE FUN BEGIN!

Marion Maynard

763-732-9565



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