



# Herald of Peace

May 2017

Peace Lutheran Church,  
1301 Ave. D, Billings, MT 59102

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## ***Making Christ Available to All by Rejoicing, Renewing and Reaching Out***

Peace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

### **Leadership Directory**

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### **Worship Schedule**

**Saturdays: 5:00 pm**  
**Sundays: 10:00 am**  
**Education Hour: 11:00 am**  
**Sunday Channel 7 at 9:00 am**



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

### **"Love's Work"**

*Love's redeeming work is done;  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!  
Lo he sets in blood no more.*



*Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise.*

*Lives again our glorious King;  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he does all save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?  
- Charles Wesley*

I once asked a seminary professor if he ever heard preaching he thought was good. He responded, "Not often, but the hymns always preach a great sermon." As someone learning to preach that didn't sound like good news at first, but I've come to see that God is working all the time and if sometimes my sermon stinks God is working through the songs we sing.

We are an Easter people and a singing people. What is the song you are singing these days? Are you singing a song of hope or despair? A song of trust or a song of fear?

## *Prayer Concerns of those we prayed for April 2017*

### **We Believe in Prayer For praise and thanksgiving ...**

Elizabeth A. Eaton - Presiding Bishop, ELCA  
Jessica Christ - Bishop - Montana Synod;

### **For people around the world in need ...**

New Members to come to Peace  
Needs of our neighborhood  
Visitors to Peace Food Pantry  
President Donald Trump (requested by Peace member)  
Christine Soileau – (member of Peace)  
Scotty Soileau -

### **For illness or injuries .. of members**

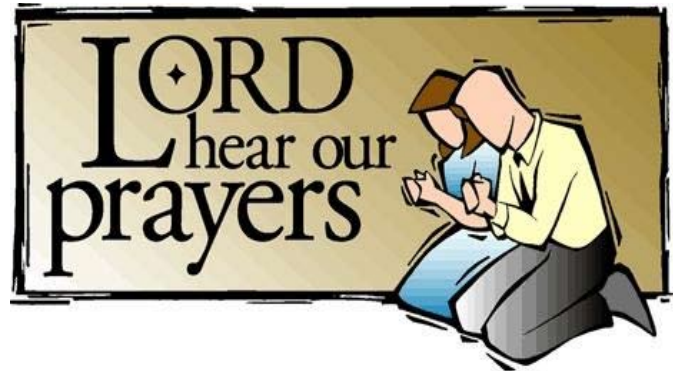
Mirth Ehret - Billings Rehab  
Lisa Grimsley - healing  
Art Reinhardt - healing  
Ken, Carol Hoefner and family  
Larry Heiser –  
Shirley Heiser – recovery from stroke

### **For illness or injuries .. of family and friends.**

Carolyn Campbell - diagnosed with breast cancer

Shawn Hanser  
Greg Goodheart  
Bonnie & Kevin - healing and strength  
Karen Jordan - Intern Liz's mothers friend, cancer  
Pr. Ellen Skatrud-Mickelson - former pastor reoccurrence of breast cancer  
Emily - prayers for strength  
Bob Miller - Rod Miller's father. stroke, surgery and recovery  
Tyler Berg - kidney illness  
Rethal - Cinda Robbins' mother, comfort and peace  
Kari - healing and strength  
Arvid Wedul - friend of Mike Brown - diagnosed with ALS  
Phoenix - for healing  
Bud Leuthold - friend of Joy Lindberg leukemia  
Micah Hilario, son-in-law of Linda & Gary Banae, (Lois Gorseth friends) has been diagnosed with ALS

**P**rayer Concerns is a published list of those on the prayer chain, who have given permission to publish their names. If you are interested in praying for these, as well as others, please join the prayer chain. They have leaders who call or email. Please call Lone Bloom at 652-2441 or Lisa Grimsley (656-8113).



### ***With sincere gratitude***

**T**o the members of Peace: Thank you so much for your financial help through the Luke Fund. I was unable to pay one of my monthly bills and with your help it was paid on time. Again Thank you

**I**would like to thank everyone at Peace for the prayers and cards when I was sick. I really appreciate it and I'm doing much better!  
Sincerely Nancy Whitmer



**May 29th**

**We remember our military personnel who have given their lives to protect our freedom!**

## Congregational News

### A Day in the Life of the Intern

*"[Spiritual geography] is the way a place shapes people's attitudes, beliefs, and myths."*

-Kathleen Norris in *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography*

I recently started reading this book as recommended by Pastor Elisabeth at St. John's. Though it is about the Dakotas, Norris has got me thinking about the spiritual geography of the places that I have journeyed through and how these places in all their amazing God-given differences have formed my outlook and beliefs. I'd argue that these places have also shaped my theology.

As someone from "back east," I knew that Montana would be different from my hometown in Pennsylvania and the big city of Chicago. I wanted to see ministry being done in a place different from my home and school. As my mother and I drove farther west last August, I was surprised at how the landscape transformed. And I was shocked just by how shocked I was. As I spent more time here, I began to witness the spirit of this place and I felt it particularly at Peace. I have never been so genuinely welcomed in a place. This is a community that embodies God's grace and lives it together as a community. You feel it when you walk into the building; this is a safe place. This is a place where God's grace and love blow freely and abundantly.

As I carry on my journey with you all this spring and summer, I am eager to experience how this place continues to shape me, my beliefs and attitudes, and my theology as a leader in this church. And I invite you to ponder this question too: How have the places you have journeyed through shaped your attitudes, beliefs and myths?

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#### NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING

The Peace Lutheran Constitution Committee will be holding special meetings on Saturday, May 20th immediately following the 5:00 p.m. worship and on Sunday, May 21st, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship. The meetings will be held in the sanctuary of Peace Lutheran Church, 1301 Avenue D.

The committee will be discussing the 2016 Model Constitution for Peace Lutheran Church. No other items will be presented. Peace Lutheran members will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer input regarding the constitution. A motion to approve or disapprove the constitution will be accepted.

Copies of the constitution are available in the church office and digitally on the Peace website.

April 26, 2017

Meeting called by Holli Miller

Peace Lutheran Church Council President 406-656-6847

## Congregational Meeting



**Saturday Night Celebration**  
**Potluck** Join us on the third Saturday of the month May 20th. We will have a potluck meal following worship service. Come bring a dish to share and celebrate with us.



## Congregational News

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In the days that followed Christ's death and resurrection we heard a medley of songs that covered every emotion. The followers and friends of Jesus didn't know what to think and what to believe. They forgot the promise and then remembered. They spoke to their risen Savior and ran to tell others. We're not so different.

When I find myself in a space of confusion I try to center myself in the love of God. Love's work is to bring healing, peace, joy, comfort, justice, and mercy. That's not asking to much in God's kingdom and that's good news for us. How are we a part of Love's work today? Let's sing together a song of the work Love has done in us and on our lives.

In Love's Light,  
Will +



**A Big Thank You** goes out to Steve Frank our church treasurer. Steve was presented a gift basket from the congregation on Saturday March 8th. We all want to thank him for all of the work he has done for Peace. Thank you Steve!

### Graduate Recognition Sunday for our Peace

Lutheran Church Graduates will be May 7th, at the 10 am Worship Service. We look forward to worshipping with our graduates, honoring them and also praying for them during this important time in their lives.

Graduates are:  
**High School**  
Bryce Peterson



I devoted myself to study and to explore... all that is done under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 1:13



## Worship News

### May Worship Themes

We move from Acts to Galatians this month as we continue to hear about the early church. Join us! (Sermon focus texts are in **bold**.)

#### May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Fourth Weekend of Easter

*Listening for the Spirit*

**Readings:** Psalm 23; Luke 24:44-47; **Acts 8:26-39**

*Have you ever been in the right place at the right time? In this weekend's reading, Phillip is in the right place at the right time. Prompted by the Spirit, Phillip shares the good news with an Ethiopian eunuch and this man is baptized. Where is the Spirit leading us to share the good news like Phillip?*

#### May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Fifth Weekend of Easter

*Who Are We?*

**Readings:** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Luke 2:29-32 **Acts 15:1-8**

*What does it take to be a part of the church? Is there a uniform? Is there a test? The early church wrestled with what exactly it meant to be a part of the community and who was in and who was out. You are welcome just as you are. That is the good news!*

#### May 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Sixth Weekend of Easter

*Called Through Grace, Justified Through Faith*

**Readings:** Psalm 66:8-20; Luke 18:9-14; **Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21**

*Paul experiences a dramatic shift in his life: from persecuting God's followers to be embraced by God. As a cradle Lutheran, I have never had a conversion moment like Paul's. But, through grace, I – we all – have been called like Paul. And through faith, God brings us all into God's fold.*

#### May 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Seventh Weekend in Easter

*Me! Me! Me!*

**Readings:** Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; Luke 18:9-14; **Galatians 3:1-9, 23-39**

*Last month I shared with you a quote from Pastor Tim Keller, "Religion is being proud of what you have done. The Gospel is being proud of what Jesus has done." Our text from Galatians finds the people of God wrestling with just this notion. Are we proud of Jesus or ourselves?*



Compline Worship Service

### Mid-Week Worship Service at Peace!!!

Everyone is invited to attend

Compline (night prayer) service

The Second Wednesday of the month May 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Holden Evening Prayer Service

The Fourth Wednesday of the month May 24 at 7:00

**Holden  
Evening  
Prayer**

Marty Haugen



## Mission and Service News

### Mission & Service Opportunities

The Mission and Service committee continues to offer many opportunities to serve others in this new year. Please consider praying for where you can personally be doing God's work with your hands, and pray for those who will actively participate.

→ **Habitat for Humanity "Apostle Build"**- At the annual meeting we voted to partner as one of twelve churches in the area to build a Habitat home in 2017. THANK YOU to everyone who made individual contributions



for building this home. Individual contributions far exceeded matching the \$2000 gift from Peace! Watch for volunteer opportunities with building and providing lunch when the build starts mid to late summer.

→ **Thank you** for the many toiletry items donated for Family Service.

→ **Family Promise** – Watch for information in the summer newsletter article about our next hosting dates and the opportunity to serve.

→ **Quilt/Soap Shipment Offering**- The Mission & Service Committee has once again decided to request a special offering for the quilt and soap shipments. Lutheran World Relief's approximate cost to handle and ship one quilt overseas is \$2.25, and \$11.60 for an 18 pound carton of soap. The offering will be taken May 6&7 when the quilts to be sent are displayed.



→ **Christikon Work Weekend**- Consider helping at camp the weekend of May 26-29 as numerous volunteers gather to get the camp ready for the summer season. Many talents and hands are needed on a very busy weekend.



*Thank you for participating in any areas that you are able as we continue to reach out in service as God's people.*

### A Gift that Keeps on Giving

Would you like to observe Mother's Day, Father's Day or an anniversary a little differently this year? Choose an area of interest to your parent or spouse and then present them with a gift that will honor them and at the same time help someone else for years to come.

The Global Barnyard project provides domestic animals and the training needed to turn them into a source of income and sustenance for impoverished families around the world. \$10 can buy candy or a pizza here, or it can purchase 1,000 water purification tablets or 2 pair of rabbits that can have up to 40 offspring each a year, providing 2 families with a reliable source of protein and income for years to come. \$20-50 buys dinner out, flowers or a couple of DVD's, or it can be used to stock and build a fish farm or purchase a goat that produces milk, a lamb that will provide wool, a pig or flock of chickens which can provide nourishment and a source of income for health care, school supplies and clothing. Other Alternative Gift ideas are garden and building tools, fruit tree seedlings, school materials and water pumps. You could also purchase some Fair Trade chocolate, coffee or other gifts that ensure a better income for someone. The ideas are endless, just as the gift itself is.....it's a gift that keeps on giving.

# Congregational News



**D**o you want to dig deeper into the word? Join us May 3rd and 17th at 7pm for a study on Second Peter. Women and men, young and old are welcome!

**D**oughnuts and Coffee; What a great time of fellowship we have after Sunday worship with Coffee and Doughnuts. We are looking for sponsors each week to defray the cost of the Doughnuts. The cost is \$28 per week. If you are interested the sign-up sheet is located in the narthex.



Thank you!!

**T**he Next newsletter will be for the months of June & July. Please look ahead at your groups or committees activities for the entire summer so we can get the information into the newsletter.



## FOOD DONATION WEEKEND

May 6th & 7th

We will be collecting for the **Peace Food Pantry,**

This month there is especially a need for single-serving canned fruit, canned meals with pull top lids, soup, cereal and granola bars.



## New Member Gatherings

**N**in May. Are you interested in becoming a member at Peace? Contact Pr. Will or Dean in the office to fill out an information form and attend



a new member gathering on May 21st at 3pm or May 27th at 3:30. We'll receive new members during worship in June.

## Christikon Clips

**It's not too late to register for camp this summer!** Space remains in youth sessions and families/adult sessions, including the **Work Weekend, May 27-30.**

You can register online [www.christikon.org](http://www.christikon.org), or use the forms distributed with the youth and family/adult brochures in your congregation. Or call us at the camp office for further information. Trails? On-site? You pick!



**Christikon covers the full costs for each at-risk youth participating in Sojourners Camp.** (We expect to have 24 this summer) We invite individuals, congregations and their auxiliaries to consider special giving for camp scholarships this summer.

**Special guest speakers** become part of the Christikon life this summer during sessions for adults and families. During Mountain Weekend 1 (July 7-9) we feature **Steve Schmidt** pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Bozeman. During Continuing Education Retreat (July 31-Aug3) we feature **Rev. Karyn Wiseman and musician Johnny Hermanson.** Mountain Weekend 2 (Aug. 4-6) to be announced. Come spend a few days of relaxation, learning, and faith growth with us. More details can be found on our website [www.christikon.org](http://www.christikon.org) .

*It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ — exploring God's creation and the adventure of life together.*

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# Congregational News

## Church E-mail Addresses



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### Intern Pastor

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### Youth Director

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## Bible Studies

The Regular schedule for Women's Circles returns:

**Ruth** Circle meets on the second Tuesday at 11:30 am at Hardees on 24th

**Martha** Circle meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall

**Deborah/Katie** Circle meets on the second Saturday of the month at 10:30 am in the fellowship hall

## Check out the web site:

[peacechurchmt.com](http://peacechurchmt.com). Web site is updated with, up to date calendar, newsletter in color, Youth page, and photo page.



## Church Council Minutes

The approved church council minutes are available at the bulletin board outside the church office. Thank you



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Peace Lutheran Church, Billings MT

**Simply Giving Program** - Would you find it helpful to have your offerings taken from your bank account as you do other monthly drafts? Thrivent Financial for Lutherans sponsors a program called Simply Giving which offers this service for people who wish to have offerings transferred electronically to Peace Lutheran Church account. For those who travel, this is particularly helpful in keeping up with their intended offerings, and it will keep you from having to make up the difference later. Contact the church office for more details.



## Congregational Life Committee

The Congregational Life Committee is responsible to touch the lives of the people of Peace Lutheran Church by involving them in the life and ministry of the church. One of the most visible responsibilities is fellowship following worship services. Last year, we moved from asking service committee members to bring cookies, etc., to providing doughnuts from the IGA. So, the duties have been reduced and only one or two people are needed for each Sunday. We will continue to assign monthly service committees as we have done in the past. If we have a potluck or other congregational function during the month, the committee may be asked to help. A committee chairperson will be assigned each month and will ask committee members to help with the fellowship/coffee following Sunday worship.

## May Serving group

Cammy Lien, chair  
Delia Schiff  
Marge Farmer  
Nancy Whitmer  
Claudia/John Decker  
Marge/Ken Peterson  
Melissa Sider  
Richelle Longo/Paul Freeman



# Congregational News

**2017 Circles & Bible Studies:**  
Everyone is welcome!

**Martha Circle**

*Meets Third Wednesday, at 10:00 am  
in the Fellowship hall*

**Deborah-Katie Circle**

*Meets 2nd Saturday at 10:30 am  
at Peace*

**Ruth Circle**

*Meets second Tuesday at 11:30 am  
at Hardees on 24th*

## Peace Lutheran Church Council

- President - Holli Miller
- Vice President - Melissa Sider
- Secretary - Susan Finn
- Dewey Anderson - Abundant Life
- Mike Brown - Abundant Life, Property
- Randy Christensen - Abundant Life
- Dave Draeger - Worship
- Susan Finn - Mission & Service, Executive
- Amy McGough - Youth/Education
- Holli Miller - Congregational Life, Executive
- Bryan Peterson- Mission & Service
- Melissa Sider - Youth/Education
- Paul Strosky - Mission & Service

### Boards/Committees

#### St John's Ministries

- Leah Bick
- Rich Robbins

#### Christikon

- Erl Barsness
- Jerilyn Dukart
- Vanessa Steiger

#### Lutheran Center

- Debbie Sider
- Kay Rossow

#### Shepherd Cluster

- John Goodheart
- Jody Pierce

#### Endowment Trustee

- Bob Gilbertson
- Gary Broeder
- Molly Johnson
- Jeff Murray
- Ed Popp

#### Nominating Committee

- Julie Draeger

### Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Meets every

Wednesday at 6:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. New-comers and one-timers are always welcome



### Questions about Council Activities? If

you have any questions or comments regarding any council action - pending or complete - please contact

President Holli Miller

Vice-President Melissa Sider

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**TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!**

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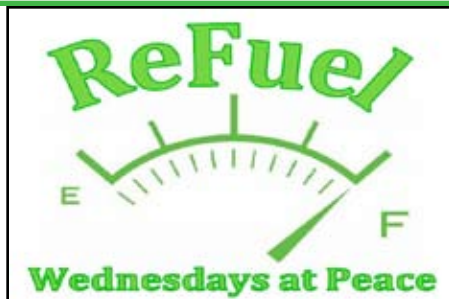
**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Catch Worship Service Broadcast on Community Channel 7 Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am



## Community News



Peace Pals at 5:30 every Wednesday.  
Invite a friend!

May 3rd- Breakfast for Dinner  
May 10th- Sloppy Joes  
May 17th- Mac and Cheese Bar  
May 24th- Spaghetti  
May 31st- Hot Dogs

Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches are  
always available!



### Peace Quilters



It is already almost to the end of the quilting season. We are finishing up the quilts to get them ready for shipment to Lutheran World Relief in Minneapolis. The truck will be here the second weekend of May. We haven't kept count as we went along, we only know it's a lot! !

We will sell some again this year, if anyone is interested in buying. The price is \$45.00 same as last year: A quilter will be available after services on Saturday and Sunday to help buyers.

Anyone interested in joining us, we are downstairs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday mornings. Coffee and cookies are ready about 10:30 AM.

### Thank you for generous offerings during Lent Peace sent out the following:

\$809.50- Family Service  
\$544.50 - Christikon,  
\$520.50 - Amani for Africa  
\$564.00 - Lutheran Center  
\$469.00- Lutheran Social Services



## Community News

### Words from the Bishop:

*"Welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you." (Romans 15:7)*

Last week I joined a group of 30+ ELCA Bishops, and advocates from the ELCA and LCMS and LIRS to meet with members of Congress on issues related to refugees and immigrants. Part of a visit to Washington DC, if you are a Montanan, is the Wednesday morning Coffee with the Montana Senators. While at the Coffee, I met many other Montanans. Some were there to lobby for their cause, others were there to be tourists and see the cherry blossoms. I ran into people from our congregations, board members of camps, old friends. And as I told people why I was there—to speak on behalf of refugees—I discovered a lot of sympathetic Montanans in that group.

We were asking our Senators for 2 things: The first is welcome. Historically, the United States has been a leader in protecting the most vulnerable. Ours is a country built with immigrants and refugees. As people of faith we are called to welcome the stranger. Lutherans have been involved in resettling refugees since 1939, and we work closely with the US Government, who provide security checks for all refugees.

We are asking the Senators to expand the number of refugees in 2017 to 75,000, up from the 50,000 requested by the Administration. (In 2016, there were 85,000 refugees resettled in the United States.) There are over 65 million displaced people in the world today—the highest number since World War II. Over 21 million are registered refugees.

The second thing we are asking is for protection. We are asking our representatives to support compassionate policies that provide immediate protection for Central American children and families, and faithful solutions to the conditions that cause people to flee. Children and families from Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras continue to flee from their homes because of violence and persecution.



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We are asking our representatives to stand against legislation intended to deter people from seeking protection in the United States, and we are asking them to stand against policies that separate children from their families. We ask for policies that help protect families in Central America, addressing the root causes of forced migration. And we ask for non-punitive hospitality when they do arrive.

This is not a partisan issue. It is a matter of faith. In Washington, DC, we were joined by other Christians, Jews and Muslims advocating for protection and humane treatment for people who are forced to flee their homes.

We have a deep scriptural tradition that calls us to welcome and protect. The ELCAAMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) program ([www.elca.org/AMMPARO](http://www.elca.org/AMMPARO)) has put together a 40 day set of scripture readings that highlight care of the stranger. I encourage you to make this part of your Easter devotions—from Easter to Pentecost! You can find it here.

There are many ways that we can help refugees, in addition to advocating with our governmental leaders. Several communities are working with organizations to be prepared to do refugee resettlement. Your congregation can also become a Welcoming Congregation ([www.elca.org/resources/AMMPARO](http://www.elca.org/resources/AMMPARO)). And you can get involved with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services ([www.lirs.org](http://www.lirs.org)).

Jessica Crist, Bishop

# Education and Youth News

**Peace Lutheran  
Vacation Bible School 2017**



**CONSTRUCTION  
ZONE**

**Join us  
June 5-9  
from 9am - Noon**

Kids 4 years to  
6th Grade

Register Online at  
[peacelutheranbillings.com/VBS](http://peacelutheranbillings.com/VBS)  
or email  
[peacelcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:peacelcyouth@gmail.com)

*Free t-shirt if you register by May 14*

**1301 Avenue D • Billings, Montana**

Vacation Bible School  
June 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM



@ # O  
or find a brochure on the Youth  
Bulletin Board at Peace!

Anyone wanna go camping?

June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>, I am taking a crew up to Woodbine (South Red Lodge). We are going to fish, hike, and hang out in God's creation. Families are welcome to join!

Please let me know by June 22<sup>nd</sup>.



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Education and Youth News



Registration

**Peace Lutheran Church  
 Vacation Bible School 2017  
 June 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 Free Shirt Deadline: May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Preschool parents:** please note that 3 & 4 year olds must have a parent/guardian volunteering on site the entire week

**PARENTS:** We ask all parents to volunteer in our program in some way. There are a variety of options to accommodate your schedule and to ensure the success of our program. Group Guides and Guide Assistants need to commit to the entire week. For all other roles, please indicate which days you are available. Please indicate your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> choices!

Indicate 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> choice	Days	Volunteer Position	Indicate 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> choice	Days	Volunteer Position
	All week	Group Guide			
	All week	Group Assistant Guide		Before VBS	Home Projects/Prep Work
		Craft Assistant		Sun. 6/4 1:00-3:00	Set up Day
		Games Assistant		Mon- Fri 8:30-10:00	Registration & Records Help
		Snack Assistant		Fri. 6/9 11:30-1:30	Take Down/Clean up
		Outreach Assistant		Fri 6/9 11:00-1:00	BBQ Help



May  
2017

**1** *Philip and James, apostles* We pray the stories of the disciples who heard Jesus' invitation and followed will inspire us to follow and serve too, trusting that God will put our unique abilities, interests and traits to work for the mission of the church and the sake of the world.

**2** Pray for leaders gathered at the ELCA Worship at the Center event in New Haven, Conn., that each will be inspired and further equipped to guide us when we gather around word and sacrament to mark occasions in human life and the life of the church.

**3** There are more than 100 Asian congregations and ministries in the ELCA. We remember ELCA Asian and Pacific Islander Ministries in our prayers and ask God to bless their outreach with distinct, unique groups and communities of people as part of a common yet diverse Asian community.

**4** We remember in our prayers the Sierra Pacific, Southeast Michigan and Southeastern Pennsylvania synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and excite their leaders and members for God's work and witness in the world.

**5** We remember in our prayers the Oregon, Rocky Mountain and Minneapolis Area synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and excite their leaders and members for God's work and witness in the world.

**6** We remember in our prayers the Arkansas-Oklahoma, Southwestern Texas and Southeastern Minnesota synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and excite their leaders and members for God's work and witness in the world.

**7** Thank God for the sacrifice and gift of Jesus Christ in which we have life abundant given freely, new life that is trustworthy and true.

**8** We remember in our prayers ELCA missionaries and young adults serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission program in Madagascar, that God will bless and further their witness, service and work with our global church partners.

**9** Turn to God in prayer, thankful and relieved that in God we have a loving, attentive shepherd who guides us day and night through life's difficulties, complexities and threats.

**10** ELCA Glocal Mission Gatherings equip us for God's work in global and local realities. Pray that participants and event leaders grow in understanding of who our neighbors are and our mission in the world and are inspired to share their passion, insights and commitment to action back home with their congregations and communities.

**11** We remember in our prayers the New Jersey, Metropolitan New York and Pacifica synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and excite their leaders and members for God's work and witness in the world.

**12** We pray that all expressions and members of our church are mindful of the global refugee and migration crises and the injustices and conflicts that continue to grow in scope and complexity. Give thanks for the work of synods, congregations, agencies and global partners in sponsoring refugees, welcoming them, accompanying them, providing relief and advocating for them as they settle in our countries—compassionate work done in the name of Jesus Christ.

**13** We remember in our prayers the 12 young adults serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission program in the United Kingdom, that God will bless and further their witness, service and work with our global church partners.

**14 Mother's Day** We ask God to strengthen and be with all mothers—biological, adoptive, foster and surrogate—in the daily joys and challenges of parenting, passing on the faith, protecting and guiding their children throughout life.

**15** Give thanks to God for being patient, concerned and persistent with us when doubts, questions and even disbelief tug at us.

**16** Companion synod relationships of the ELCA connect Lutheran churches throughout the world with ELCA synods and congregations. We give thanks and pray for the growth of ways in which we nurture and strengthen one another for life and ministry through prayer, study, communication, exchange of visitors and sharing of resources.



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**17** Jesus is the cornerstone and foundation of our faith, church and life. We pray we are faithful, willing servants of the church and witnesses to the world, drawing on the strength and spirit of Jesus Christ for the work of sharing the good news and serving our neighbor.

**18** We remember in our prayers the Eastern Washington-Idaho and Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and excite their leaders and members for God's work and witness in the world.

**19** We remember in our prayers the Saint Paul Area, Southeastern Iowa, East-Central Synod of Wisconsin and Northwestern Ohio synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and excite their leaders and members for God's work and witness in the world.

**20** We remember in our prayers the Northwest Washington Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and excite its leaders and members for God's work and witness in the world.

**21** For the enduring presence of the Spirit with us and in us, we give thanks and ask for guidance and wisdom in loving God and following God's word and commandments.

**22** We remember in our prayers the Northern Great Lakes, North/West Lower Michigan and South Carolina synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and excite their leaders and members for God's work and witness in the world.

**23** Ups and downs, problems, tragedies and ordeals are part of the fabric of human life. Pray for God's reassurance and renewing Spirit in every circumstance and life experience and that we are present and caring companions for people who hunger for hope, comfort, assistance, encouragement or simply friendship.

**24** We ask God to spur our curiosity, knowledge and sense of responsibility as we seek to understand the mysterious workings of creation and the universe and as we create and use new technologies for the benefit of humankind.

**25** Ascension of our Lord It's tempting to fix our gaze and attention heavenward, eagerly awaiting the day when we will be liberated from this life and place. We pray the Spirit will redirect our attention and energies to the work and ministry we have been called to and entrusted with here and now—serving our neighbor, sharing the gospel and equipping disciples.

**26** Pray for courage and boldness of faith and conscience to do good in the world, stand for justice and peace, and live by Jesus' example, even in the face of criticism, social pressure or ridicule.

**27** We remember in our prayers the Southeastern Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and excite its leaders and members for God's work and witness in the world.

**28** Give praise and thanks to God for the gifts of eternal life, faith and hope—undeserved as they are.

**29 Memorial Day** On this day, we remember and give thanks for men and women who have served in the armed forces and sacrificed their lives for ideals of justice, peace, freedom and well-being for our country, other nations and people who suffer oppression and injustice in the world.

**30** Pray for the 74 million Lutherans, Lutheran churches and ministries worldwide, and The Lutheran World Federation, ecumenical and interfaith partners working together with the ELCA sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, serving our neighbor and cultivating reconciliation, justice and peace among all people and nations.

**31** Pray for students—of all ages—preparing for summer vacations, seasonal employment, summer studies or graduation that they find opportunities for rest, renewal, play, learning and service as children of God with valued gifts and skills to share with the church and world.

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