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by Rejoicing, Renewing and
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Herald of Peace

November 2024

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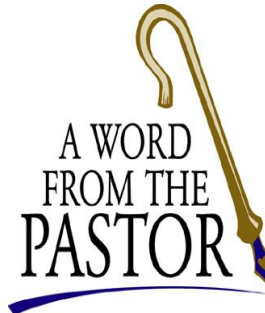
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Call Ahead Before Stopping By

Weekly Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm
In-Person and on Facebook
Sunday: 9:00 am, 6:00 pm
Community Channel 7
Sunday: 10:00 am
In-Person



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



I don't know about you, but I have to admit quite a bit of election fatigue. I first mentioned the political ads between our senate candidates back in the middle of May. I am not exaggerating when I write that I have heard, read, or seen at least 50 political ads a day for the last three months. We haven't kept a cumulative total of campaign mailers since this summer, but Katrina tells me our high was 15

in our mailbox in one day. Everywhere you turn, it seems people on the street, around the water cooler, on the news, are all talking about the upcoming election options.

I don't want to be part of this cacophony, but at the same time, I think people of faith have a perspective that can bring down the rhetoric and help provide sanity and comfort in the weeks to come. If you'd like to continue reading, I'll share a reflection I have seen and close my thoughts with a prayer for election day.

While you may or may not agree with some or all of what is written here, the reminder for me is that no matter what is going on in the world, we have a divine directive from Christ himself to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind... [and] love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37,39) However you are walking through this time of heightened conflict and anxiety, remember who walks with you!

THE CHRISTIAN VOTER'S GUIDE

Brian Zahnd

1. The political process, while necessary, has little to do with how God is saving the world.
2. The fate of the Kingdom of God does not depend on political contests.
3. Don't be naïve, political parties are more interested in Christian votes than they are in Christian values.

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Prayer Concerns of those we prayed for in October

For praise and thanksgiving

Elizabeth A. Eaton – Presiding Bishop, ELCA

Laurie Jungling – Montana Synod Bishop

For people around the world in need

Peace in Ukraine

Victims of violence and war in Israel and Gaza

President Joe Biden and officials at all levels of government

For illness or injuries of members

Gertie Gross Leroy & Luella Ketterling

Lisa Grimsley John & Rosanne Modde

Ron Zech Howard Albers

Geri Frasch Hank Tungstall

Ken Peterson Darlene Thompson

Marlene Thomson Lawanda Sherseth

Rita Wyman Eva Wilker

Jacque Chastain Gayle Bummer

Arlene Elsom

For those who grieve

For illness or injuries of family and friends

Taryn Grinsteiner – Ken Peterson's niece

Carol – Lois Gorseth's sister, cancer treatment

Kelly Miller – Pastor Kim Wilker's daughter, cancer

Gary Boje – Darlene Thompson's brother, recovery

Denise – Bonnie Hovik Clausen's daughter in law

Garry Fink – cancer treatment

Laura Fisher – Jodi Peterson's cousin, cancer

Bud Leuthold – friend of Joy Lindberg, leukemia

John – friend of Mike Brown, health issues

Melanie – Joan Brown's sister, throat cancer

Josh Wilker – son of Kim & Terri, navigating life in prison

Kyle Welliever – son of Dean & Peggy, health concerns

Drew Echales – friend of the Ramage family, medical diagnosis

Erik Aslakson– Kathi's son, recovering from surgery

Jesse Wayne– Healing from back surgery

JC– John Modde's Son, lung cancer

Sylvia Kintzing—mother of Barney, recovering from surgery

P **ayer 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 Ione Bloom at 406-671-4030



Congregational News

Help Needed: We are always in need of lectors for each Saturday and Sunday worship services. The signup sheet is in the narthex. If you enter your email address the church office will send you a copy of the reading a week in advance. If you have any questions contact Julie Draeger. Thank you!



Peace Quilters News!

The quilters of Peace meet each first, second, and fourth/fifth Wednesday morning at 9:00 until around noon. Anyone who is interested in joining us is welcome. If you don't know how to tie a quilt but would like to learn, with all the willing teachers we have, this is a good opportunity for you. We gather for coffee round 10:30 a.m. which is a good chance to socialize.

Peace Quilters will be hanging quilts in the fellowship hall each week to showcase their work. Please take a look to see what we're up to!



Happy Birthday to you all!

*If your birthday is incorrect or missing,
please contact the office at
peaceoffice1301@gmail.com
to let us know!*

Nola McCafferty	November 2
Lorentina Fritz	November 3
Linda Strosky	November 4
Claudia Decker	November 4
LaVonne Rice-Gordon	November 5
Connie Hausauer	November 6
Jody Pierce	November 6
Vanessa Steiger	November 7
Nathan Sider	November 7
Jacquelyn Chastain	November 8
Richard Berg	November 8
Lawanda Sherseth	November 11
Fern Schock	November 12
Kay Modde	November 13
Carol Hauge	November 16
Dorothy Hanson	November 19
Karen Hann	November 20
Linda Popp	November 20
Bryce Peterson	November 23
Howard Albers	November 26

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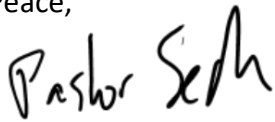
4. The bottom line for political parties is power. The bottom line for a Christian is love. And therein lies the rub.
5. While in pursuit of the Ring of Power, you are not permitted to abandon the Sermon on the Mount.
6. If you and your political passion makes it hard for you to love your neighbor as yourself, you need to turn it down a notch.
7. Your task is to bring the salt of Christian civility to an ugly and acrimonious political process.
8. To dismember the body of Christ over politics is a grievous sin.
9. Exercise your liberty to vote your conscience and conviction, while accepting other Christians will do the same and vote differently than you.
10. It's more important that your soul be filled with love than it is for your political team to win the game.

A PRAYER FOR ELECTION DAY

Lord God, you call your people to honor those in authority. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, participate in wise decisions for our common life, and serve our neighbors in local communities. Bless the leaders of our land, that we may be at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Peace,



Peace Staff Weekly Office Hours

Fall 2024

Staff Key=	Pastor Seth	Kim Braaton							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
9:00 AM		Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth					
9:30 AM		Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth					
10:00 AM		Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth					
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5:30 PM			Pastor Seth						
6:00 PM			Pastor Seth						
6:30 PM			Pastor Seth						
7:00 PM			Pastor Seth						
7:30 PM			Pastor Seth						

Congregational News



PEACE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITE TEAM

PLACE YOUR DONATION

IN THE BUCKET IN THE NARTHEX



NOLA IS TURNING 90!!

Celebrate with Nola McCafferty and her family on November 2 from 1-3pm in the Peace Lutheran Fellowship Hall.

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Find Peace Lutheran on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceLutheranBillings>

Watch worship live or on your own time. Keep up-to-date with goings on at church. Even send a message to chat with Pastor Seth

Also check out our website at <https://www.peacelutheranbillings.com/> Find monthly newsletters and calendars, information about worship, food pantry, and youth ministries!

Peace Lutheran Financial Update

	Income	Expenses	Difference
September	\$18,544.90	\$19,502.17	-957.27
2024 Year-To-Date	\$197,984.27	\$208,483.17	-10,498.90

Thank you to everyone who has been giving faithfully through the summer and into the fall!

If you have not already received your stewardship information from the church, watch your mailboxes in the first full week of November. We will be mailing out the envelopes that have not been picked up by hand at the church. We will continue and conclude our Stewardship series in the final three weekends of November. (See page 8 for Stewardship themes.)

If you have a completed pledge card to return to the church, please place it in the silver box near the entry to the sanctuary, or mail back to the church office by December 1. Thank you!

[Give now!](#)

HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?

GriefShare Support Group

Wednesdays

6:30-8:00PM

September 18, 2024 ~ December 11, 2024

YOU ARE INVITED TO

DAHL FUNERAL CHAPEL

10 YELLOWSTONE AVE

THERE IS A \$20 FEE TO COVER THE COST OF THE WORKBOOK

FOR QUESTIONS AND TO REGISTER:

CONTACT VONNIE SHEELY AT

(406) 200-4684



Youth Group

Peace Pals is for kids between Kindergarten and 3rd grade. Peace Pals starts at 5:30 PM and goes until 6:30 PM.

We serve a Community Dinner For kids (and adults) of all ages from 6:30-7:00 PM.

Peace Youth is for kids between 4th and 8th grade. Peace Youth begins at 7:00 PM and wraps up at 8:00 PM.

All are welcome to join the fun!

Wednesday Meal Prep

We are always looking for people to provide food and/or help prepare our Wednesday Evening Refuel Meal.

This can mean purchasing take out or delivery, buying food and dropping it off, or preparing food that has been donated. If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet on the youth board next to the nursery, or contact Pastor Seth.



Wednesday Meal Schedule

Please check sign-up sheet for available dates

November 6– Katrina Ramage

November 13– Ann Barsness

November 20– Available

Director of Youth & Family Ministries Job Posting

The job posting for our youth opening went live the final week of September. We have received one application and are working through the interview process with that candidate. We would love to have more applicants! Please share with friends and family that we are looking, and direct those interested to our website:

<https://www.peacelutheranbillings.com/director-of-youth-family-ministries>

Billings Youth Collective November 13

On November 13, the Peace Youth will board the van at 5:45 to join youth from other ELCA congregations around the city at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. We will play games, eat dinner, and focus on building community with one another. More information will be sent out soon!

No Youth Events November 27

There will be no Youth events on November 27, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Children's Sermon Series

Through the months of October, November, and into December, our children's sermon will be moving throughout the order of worship. By moving the children's sermon to different parts of the worship, we will teach the kids why we do what we do on Saturdays and Sundays. In November we will be talking about the Creed, Prayers of Intercession, and Sharing of the Peace. Come to worship to see what we learn!

Volunteer Opportunities

There are a number of opportunities to volunteer to help with youth programming at Peace.

We need drivers to pick up Peace Youth kids on Wednesday Evenings. We also need people to sit in on Peace Pals (5:30-6:30 pm) and Peace Youth (7-8pm) lessons as a second adult in the room.

Please contact Pastor Seth if you have questions about these opportunities to serve our kids!

Worship News

November 2nd & 3rd—All Saints

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 21:1-6

November 9th & 10th—The ~~Im~~Possible Promise of Rest

Just as in our first week of our Stewardship Series, when God is giving the essential gift of food, this week we witness God giving the crucial gift of rest. For both people and the land, rest is part of a cycle that cannot happen without it. In our world, rest can seem like a luxury only a few can afford. How do we understand the rest God gifts to us as part of our care for self, community, and creation?

Exodus 20:8-11, 23:10-13; Mark 2:23-3:6

November 16th & 17th—The ~~Im~~Possible Promise of Enough

What is "enough?" Throughout our lives, our answers to this question changes. What is enough for us as children may not be the same as what is enough as adults. What is enough as young adults may not be the same as what is enough as we age and grow in our individual and familial needs. Jewish law saw that God's people would have enough through acts of justice and providing for neighbor. As we experience having enough, how do we ensure our neighbor also has enough?

Leviticus 19:9-10; Deuteronomy 24:19-21; Matthew 5:38-48

November 23rd & 24th—The ~~Im~~Possible Promise of Liberation

In Leviticus 25:23, God reminds the people, "the land is mine; with me you are but tenants." In such a relationship, trust is paramount. God trusts the people to take good care of creation, and the people trust that God will continue to provide. In this trust, there is freedom from fear and want. How do we remain in this trusting relationship, seeing that even when circumstances seem scarce, God will provide?

Leviticus 25; Mark 2:23-28; Luke 17:11-19

Christikon Clips

November 2024

Information for our Congregations



Our **2025 summer calendar** is set and on our website (christikon.org). If you have questions about the 2025 season or would like to register, give us a call or do so online. It was a powerful summer of ministry this year, and we look forward to welcoming you to camp in the new year.

The **2024 Annual Meeting** will be on **Sunday November 17th at 3:30pm**. We'll tell stories from the summer and share plans for the 2024 season, construction, and much more. Our meeting will be a hybrid – meaning that we would love for you to come in person but if you cannot attend, you can join on Zoom. The in-person meeting will be at the Big Timber Lutheran Church.

We ask for prayers for our **Executive Director Call Committee** as they do their work and as we prepare to welcome a new director. We trust that God is present in this process.

We continue to hold you in prayer as together we navigate these uncertain times. We also trust in, and give thanks for, a God who promises to never let us go, no matter what life throws our way. May God bless you and yours as we move through fall and towards the holiday season and the new year.

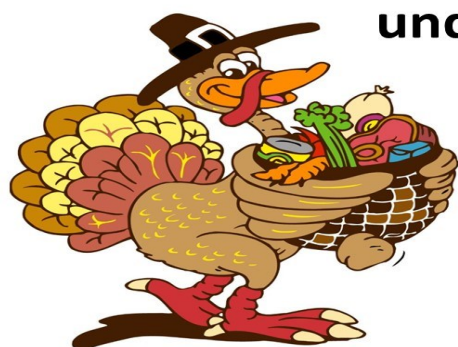
Thank you as always for all the ways you support Christikon.

**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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Thanksgiving Baskets

The sign-up sheets for items to fill Thanksgiving Baskets for 16 local families are on the Mission and Service Bulletin Board. Please bring the items you signed up for to the church Sunday, November 24th at 11 AM. Place them under the coat rack in the Narthex.



If you would like to donate money rather than shop, please designate the amount of your gift by Sunday, November 17th.

**HAPPY
90th
BIRTHDAY!**

**Dorothy
Hanson
is turning 90!**

**Celebrate with
Dorothy and her family
on November 16
2-4 pm**

**Peace Lutheran
Fellowship Hall.**

Congregational News

Women of the ELCA



Women of the ELCA Circles:
Everyone is welcome!

Ruth Circle

Meets second Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.
Pizza Hut 2530 King Ave W

Katie Circle

Meets second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in
the Fellowship Hall

Martha Circle

Meets third Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the
Fellowship Hall

MEN'S



Men's Breakfast and Bible Study meets
Wednesdays at 6:30 am in the
Fellowship Hall.

New-comers and one-timers are
always welcome.

Bring yourself and your appetite—
food and Bible study resources will be
provided!

Next Newsletter Deadline:

November 21, 2024

Please send newsletter information to
peaceoffice1301@gmail.com



Delegates to Ministries

Christikon

Lois Gorseth
Katrina Rumage
Tony Pecarina

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Pastor Seth Rumage*
Rhonda Heidner

Shepherd Cluster

Joan Brown
Deb Sider

St. John's Ministries

Rhonda Sappington
Mary Mosdal

Synod Assembly Delegates

Dave Draeger
Julie Draeger*

†Designates Committee Chair

*Designates Congregation
Council Member

November Serving Committee

Sharon and Roger Schatzke
Gerri and Jim Frasch
Muriel and Marlin Overstreet
Karen and Gary Broeder
Connie Hausauer
Phylis McGrath
Linda and Paul Strosky
Laura and Danny Quanbeck
Chris Conat

Congregational Committees

Abundant Life

Bob Bakko*
Mike Brown
Jeff Murray*
Bob Peterson†
Danny Quanbeck
Rhonda Sappington

Congregational Life

Joan Brown
Molly Johnson*
Holli Miller†*
Jeff Murray*
Deb Sider
Melissa Sider

Education/Youth

Jan Bakko
John Goodheart
Jody Pierce*
Katrina Rumage
Melissa Sider
Holly Suek

Mission and Service

Ann* & Erl Barsness
Paula Jackson
Rick & Barb Olson
Rich* & Cinda Robbins
Linda Strosky

Mutual Ministry

Mike Brown
Holli Miller*
Bob Peterson
Sharon Schatzke
Chuck Sider

Nominating

Bob Peterson
Deb Sider
Peggy Welliever
(2 slots will be filled by outgoing
council members in November
2024)

Personnel

Bob Bakko*
Melissa Sider

Property

Jeff Murray†*
Paul Strosky
Louis Taylor*

Scholarship

Wendy Goodheart
Holli Miller*
Melissa Sider

Worship

Ann Barsness*
Julie Draeger†*
Wendy Goodheart



PRAYER VENTURES

November

1 All Saints Day Remember and give thanks for saints who are now in God's eternal, loving care. Praise God for their significance in your life — their influence, example and faith.

2 American Indian Heritage Month Give thanks for our Indigenous neighbors and siblings in Christ, whose diverse gifts, traditions and wisdom help shape and enrich society and the church. Pray for the work of ELCA Indigenous Ministries and Tribal Relations and the Association of American Indians and Alaska Natives of the ELCA. Ask God to guide and further the work of our church and society to build better, right and just relationships with Indigenous peoples.

3 Pray that we will love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and that God's abundant love and mercy will be reflected in our love for others.

4 Praise God for the wonders of the heavens, which stir our awe, curiosity and gratitude for God's infinite power and creativity. Give thanks for scientists, astronomers and explorers who deepen our knowledge and respect for creation and its mysteries.

5 Election Day "The right hand of God is planting in our land, planting seeds of freedom, hope, and love" (ELW 889). Ask the Spirit to help us exercise concern for our neighbor, the well-being of communities, and racial, gender and economic justice as we discern whom to elect as our leaders and public servants. Give thanks for ELCAvotes, an initiative to help us understand our role in promoting dignity and respect for all.

6 Pray for the Spirit to inspire us to share the good news of Jesus Christ and teach every generation about God's word, loving ways and active presence in the world, today and throughout history.

7 National Homeless Youth Month Remember and pray for young people who have no shelter or place where they feel safe, secure and cared for. Pray for community programs and ministries of our church that provide shelter, food, resources and support for developing self-sufficiency, and physical, emotional and spiritual care for youth.

8 Give thanks for the joy and certainty we experience when we walk in God's ways and follow God's commandments as revealed to us in Scripture and the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

9 Pray for those in the Gulf Coast and other regions of the Southeast who are grieving loss and recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Helene. Pray that their hope, faith and determination will remain strong and that we will offer generous support and assistance through Lutheran Disaster Response, communities of faith, volunteers and disaster recovery agencies — for as long as needed.

10 Pray for outdoor ministry leaders gathering for the Leadership Training Event and Lutheran Outdoor Ministries conference in Baltimore, Md. Ask God to equip and renew them for ministry with people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

11 Veterans Day This is a day when we remember, honor and give thanks for the service and sacrifice of veterans of the armed forces who have defended our country and worked for freedom and justice in the world. Pray that their families, caregivers and survivors will receive the support and care they need. Give thanks for the work of Federal Chaplaincy Ministries of the ELCA and of congregations with ministries serving veterans and their families.

12 Praise God for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who took upon himself the burden of our sins and human weaknesses so that we can know true freedom, be renewed for doing God's work in the world and take comfort in the promise of eternal life with God.

13 Remember in prayer our ministries in seven countries in the Asia-Pacific region. Pray for ELCA Global Mission personnel, including the missionaries, teachers, International Women Leaders and Horizon seminary interns working alongside companion churches to spread the gospel, grow the church and respond to community needs.

14 Pray for ELCA Church Council members meeting in Chicago to oversee and govern the ELCA churchwide organization. Pray for the Spirit to guide their discussions, their counsel and their decisions for the well-being, vitality and growth of the church.

15 Pray for Lutheran and Episcopal school leaders gathering in collaboration at the National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES) Biennial Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Give thanks for the ministries of the NAES and the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association that equip, inspire and support Christian educators.

16 Ask God to help us welcome and treat immigrants, refugees and asylum-seekers with respect and compassion, accompanying them through the complex process of rebuilding their lives in our country.



PRAYER VENTURES

November

17 Jesus warned that being his disciple is never easy or safe, but we are never alone or ill-equipped for doing God's work in the world — we are accompanied by the Spirit and our siblings in Christ. Praise God!

18 Give thanks for those who work in hospice care and attend to the comfort and quality of life of people as they approach the end of life, and who provide emotional and spiritual support for their families.

19 Ask the Spirit to nurture and sustain the confidence, wisdom, humility and faith of leaders in our church, synods, congregations and special ministries.

20 "You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy" (Psalm 16:11). Express your gratitude to God, the light that guides us through life and brings true joy and fulfillment.

21 There are approximately 369,000 infants, children and youth in foster care in our country. Pray that foster families will provide them with stability, love, support and encouragement so that they thrive. Give thanks for foster parents and pray for the Spirit to equip them with wisdom, empathy, strength and skills for parenting.

22 "Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another" (Hebrews 10:24-25). Pray that we — individually and as communities of faith — will be catalysts for love, kindness and inspiration in the church, our society and the world.

23 Remember in prayer our ministries in nine countries in the Latin America and Caribbean regions. Pray for ELCA Global Mission personnel, including the missionaries, teachers, International Women Leaders and Young Adults in Global Mission working alongside global companions to spread the gospel, strengthen and grow the church, and respond to community needs.

24 In a world of force, intimidation and superiority, pray that we will take to heart the leadership of Jesus Christ, whose power manifests in humility, love, mercy and justice.

25 Give thanks for the people and experiences that break into our daily routines, interjecting joy and laughter.

26 Ask God to make us enthusiastic witnesses to our faith through words, kindness, love for our neighbors in need and commitment to justice and peace. Pray that we will be mindful of opportunities to invite others to become followers of Jesus Christ and to welcome them into our communities of faith.

27 Praise God for gathering our collective gifts and resources through ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response to respond to the needs of our neighbor and end hunger and poverty.

28 Day of Thanksgiving Give thanks today — and every day — for what God provides to strengthen and sustain us and for those who work to feed the world, including farmers, agricultural workers, ranchers, commercial fishermen, food pantry staff and administrators of hunger relief programs such as ELCA World Hunger.

29 Native American Heritage Day "Let us remember the Indigenous peoples and tribal nations who were the first to love, pray, grow, celebrate, cry, drum, dance and sing upon these lands" (land acknowledgment from the 2022 Churchwide Assembly). Give thanks for the cultures, values, accomplishments and spirituality of Native Americans that continue to shape our nation and church. Pray that we will be persistent and sincere in learning more about Indigenous peoples and tribal nations and in working together to correct inaccuracies and injustices of history.

30 Andrew, the Apostle Andrew was the first of the 12 disciples to drop what he was doing and accept Jesus' invitation to follow him. Ask the Spirit to stir our faith and courage to respond to the call to do God's work in the world, wherever it takes us and whatever it requires of us.



The women's group of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd has created a cookbook. Half of the proceeds of their sales will support the Peace Lutheran Food Pantry.

Copies of the cookbook are available at the table outside the sanctuary. They are \$15 each. Checks can be made out to Good Shepherd Women. They make great Christmas gifts! Thanks to Good Shepherd for their support of the Peace Food Pantry in this way.



THE IMPOSSIBLE PROMISE OF ENOUGH

Join Peace for a Sermon Series on Stewardship during the months of October and November!



Family Promise

As I write this, we are getting ready for our Family Promise week, October 27~November 3. We are hosting 4 families this week and have filled most of the volunteer spaces on our board in the narthex.

Peace has been a host congregation for Family Promise for 20 years! We have worked together in this mission to provide homeless families with overnight shelter, meals, and intensive case management. All families have been interviewed and vetted to be part of this program. The average length of stay in this part of the Family Promise program is 4 months.

In the past 20 years, Family Promise has worked with over 5,000 homeless families who have worked hard to never be homeless again. 90% of those families are still housed! 69% of the people in the program are children.

It is exciting that we at Peace have opened our doors, brought meals, provided a safe place and sometimes, a listening ear to so many families in the Billings area. As I came out of our Family Promise meeting Monday night, I noticed people on the street. They were getting ready to settle in for the night. Our mission is big, but so is our God and the hearts of the people of Peace.

The next week we host Family Promise families will be December 29~January 5. We know this is a busy time for people, it is also a time to provide people hope, warmth and food as we begin 2025 together. We hope you will consider volunteering during that time.

Thanks people of Peace for being Christ's hands and feet. We are all walking this journey together.

Debbie Smith and Jan Bakko
Peace Lutheran Family Promise Coordinators

2024

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <p>10:00a Worship 1:30p Al Anon</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1-3p Food Pantry 5:30p OA meeting <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p>3:30p S.A.I.L. Class</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30a Men's Break-fast 9:00a Quilters 5:30p Peace Pals 6:30p Refuel Meal 7:00p Peace Youth</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10a-12p Food Pantry 12:00p OA Meeting 3:30p S.A.I.L. Class</p>	<p>01</p> <p>12:00p Al-Anon Meeting 2-4p Food Pantry <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>02</p> <p>1-3p Nola McCafferty turns 90! (fellowship hall) 5:00p Worship [In-Person and Online]</p>
<p>03</p> <p>10:00a Worship 1:30p Al Anon</p>	<p>04</p> <p>1-3p Food Pantry 4:30p N2N Volunteer Meeting 5:30p OA meeting <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>05</p> <p>2:30-5:30p N2N Ramp 3:30p S.A.I.L. Class</p>	<p>06</p> <p>6:30a Men's Break-fast 9:00a Quilters 1:30-5:30p N2N Ramp 5:30p Peace Pals 6:30p Refuel Meal</p>	<p>07</p> <p>10a-12p Food Pantry 12:00p OA Meeting 2:30-5:30p N2N Ramp 3:30p S.A.I.L. Class</p>	<p>08</p> <p>12:00p Al-Anon Meeting 2-4p Food Pantry <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>09</p> <p>10:00a HOA Meeting in Fellowship Hall 2:00p Funeral 5:00p Worship [In-Person and Online]</p>
<p>10</p> <p>10:00a Worship 1:30p Al Anon</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1-3p Food Pantry 5:30p OA meeting <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>2:30-5:30p N2N Ramp 3:30p SAIL Class Ruth Circle (Pizza Hut @ King Ave W) 6:30p Katie Circle (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30a Men's Break-fast 9:00a Quilters 1:30-5:30p N2N Ramp 5:30p Peace Pals 6:30p Refuel Meal 7:00p Peace Youth</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10a-12p Food Pantry 12:00p OA Meeting 2:30-5:30p N2N Ramp 3:30p SAIL Class</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:00p Al-Anon Meeting 2-4p Food Pantry <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>2-4p Dorothy Hanson turns 90! (fellowship hall) 5:00p Worship [In-Person and Online]</p>
<p>17</p> <p>10:00a Worship 1:30p Al Anon</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1-3p Food Pantry 5:30p OA meeting <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>2:30-5:30p N2N Ramp 3:30p SAIL Class 6:30p Church Council</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30a Men's Break-fast 9:00a Martha Circle 1:30-5:30p N2N Ramp 5:30p Peace Pals 6:30p Refuel Meal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10a-12p Food Pantry 12:00p OA Meeting 2:30-5:30p N2N Ramp 3:30p SAIL Class</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12:00p Al-Anon Meeting 2-4p Food Pantry <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:00p Worship [In-Person and Online]</p>
<p>24</p> <p>10:00a Worship 11:00a Deadline for Turkey Basket Donations 1:30p Al Anon</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1-3p Food Pantry 5:30p OA meeting <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>2:30-5:30p N2N Ramp 3:30p SAIL Class</p>	 <p>CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING</p>			<p>30</p> <p>5:00p Worship [In-Person and Online]</p>

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