

Peace Lutheran Church

News & Notes for the week of October 8, 2017

Guests and visitors: Welcome! You will find a few additional notes, including our Holy Communion practice, in the pew racks.

In our Prayers: Helen Bullis, Marie McDonald's sister-in-law; Betty Claus; Jane Claus; Dianne Darga; Julia Demos; Lilah Elowski; Jerry Elowsky, Rose Buck's brother; June Heller; Donna Kaski, recovering following hip replacement surgery; the family of Carol Kurz, Lee Bingle's sister, following her death; Barb Latz, sister-in-law of Tom & Jan Latz; Ruth Rothe; Heidi Scranton; Kay Don Selke; Dale Sorgenfrei; Scott Trafelet, Cinda Grulke's son; Jerry Urlaub; Tom Wirgau, recovering following hospitalization; our members, family members, and friends serving in the military; our adopted missionary family, Rev. Steve and Martha Mahlburg and family; our Adopt-A-Student from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Andrew (and Rebecca) Belt (and family); and all those suffering the effects of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Members are encouraged to bring additional prayer requests to Pastor's attention. Prayer request forms are located on the table in the narthex, or you may simply drop a note in the church office or send an E-mail to peggyschardt@peacelcms.org. Prayer requests and concerns may also be shared confidentially at Pastor's personal E-mail addresses: pastorjdriddle@peacelcms.org or pastorjdriddle@gmail.com.

One **wedding anniversary** was inadvertently omitted from last week's prayers: On Sunday, September 24, Merlin & LaDonna Little celebrated their first anniversary. **Congratulations and God's continued blessings to you both!**

Serving God's People Today:

Pastor:	Rev. J. Derek Riddle	Organist:	Jean Horrocks
Elders:	Neil Spomer & Terry Flewelling	Ushers:	Randy Reisener & Mark Karsten
Layreader:	Merlin Schaedig	Acolyte:	Alyssa Jo Hein

'Faith Active in Love': Our Offerings and Attendance'

Needed per week - *Operating and Kingdom Work*

Home: \$3,059.76

Week of October 1, 2017:

Home: \$2,675.00

Mission: \$200.00

Maint. & Improv. Fund: \$259.00

Note: The Home category reflects monies needed to meet the 2017 budget figures.

+ All monies given to Missions are sent in at regular intervals.

+ The Maintenance & Improvement Fund is used for maintenance projects over \$500 and as savings for future improvement projects.

Peace Attendance –

October 1: 147

Sunday School: 26

Adult Bible Class: 10

Communed: 115

High School Youth: 8

Staff & Helpers: 8

Visitors: 12

Financial Report –

Sunday School: \$10.60

Peace Sign Fund: \$40.00

Mahlburg Mission: \$10.00

Sr. Youth: \$5.00

CPH Refund: \$159.00

Tuition Grant Fund: \$10.00

Gifts were given to the **Peace Sign Fund** from Chet & Brenda Karsten, and Pam Bingle, in loving memory of Carol Kurz.

Christian Education Hour (10:45-11:45):

Our **Christian Education Hour**, including Sunday School classes through fifth grade and Bible Classes for Jr. High and High School youth and adults, has now resumed. Sunday School meets in the Fellowship Hall classrooms, Jr. High Bible Class in the youth room upstairs, and Adult Bible Class at the front of the sanctuary. High School Bible Class meets prior to the service, from 8:45-9:15, in the youth room upstairs.

In **Adult Bible Class** this morning we will be wrapping up our brief study entitled, "Love Others: Showing Love Even When It Is Hard."

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL...will find us heading to the "airport" as we revisit Germany and follow Martin Luther's path to the Reformation. Our "Camp Out" theme of "Jesus is the Light....Follow Him" is carried on as we learn how Martin Luther let his light shine in his efforts to reform the church. We welcome you to join us as we visit "Luther's House" and the "Schoolhouse". Remember.....Keep your Light Shining with the Love of Jesus!

Sending out a Heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone involved in our "Camp Out" Picnic Lunch. Our Sr. Youth did an **OUTSTANDING JOB** of helping our SS Staff and Bd of Ed. So nice to see our children and adults working and fellowshiping together. God's Blessings on behalf of our SS Staff, Bd of Ed and our Youth.

Coming soon.....**FALLELUJAH PARTY !!** Our Board of Education, Board of Evangelism, and Sunday School Staff are once again joining forces to host a fall event for our area children, preschool thru grade 6. This event will take place here at Peace on November 4, from 10 am - 12 pm and is **FREE**. (Any 7th thru 12th graders are encouraged to come and help....see Mrs. Ries.) Watch for more information.

Other Christian Education Opportunities at Peace:

Thursday Morning Bible Study: Our next meeting will take place Thursday, October 12, at 9:30 a.m. We are currently studying the Gospel of Luke. Everyone is welcome!

WOMEN'S JOINT BIBLE STUDY – The next session of the **LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** will be on Monday, October 23, at 7:00 p.m. here at Peace. If anyone would still like to join us, please show up Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. or contact Linda Schalk at 766-8073.

This & That at Peace:

New Service: Last Wednesday, October 4, at 6:00 p.m. (immediately preceding Handbells), a weekly 30-minute informal service began. There was approximately 25 people in attendance but seemed to be well received. This service will feature only contemporary worship music (using our screens), a brief meditation, and a brief time for prayer. Everyone is welcome.

As another year of Jr. High Confirmation is getting underway, we are once again looking for members of the congregation who might be willing to be paired with one of our students as a **Confirmation Mentor**. Mentors are asked to find simple ways to encourage their students and to remember them in their prayers throughout the coming year. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please see Pastor. Last year's Mentors to first-year students will remain paired with the same students during their second year.

Thank you to Sherry Enlow for volunteering to chair the Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 18. Set-up/prep work will take place on Friday, the 17th.

The Church Council is exploring the possibility of bringing another **Family Life Intern** here to Peace either from January-June 2018 or (more likely) June 2018-January 2019. The rationale for this possibility was explained at the September Voters Meeting. The congregation will be asked to consider including the necessary expenses in the 2018 budget. In addition to a small salary for the intern, we would need to provide some kind of housing. If you have or are aware of living space that might be either loaned or rented out for this purpose, please see Pastor.



The Board of Stewardship is seeking to identify members of the congregation and/or community who might need assistance with **fall cleanup**, etc., in the coming weeks. If you are in need, or if you are aware of someone who might be in need, please contact the church office or see Pastor.

The Board of Stewardship has recently been discussing the possibility of congregational involvement in long-distance **mission trips**. We currently have a couple of members interested in participating in a foreign mission trip, possibly as soon as next summer. Some interest has also been expressed in a congregational group volunteering to assist with hurricane relief in either Texas or Florida. If either of these possibilities interests you, please see Pastor.



Dianne Darga, our long-time Choir and Cantata Director has announced her retirement this fall for health reasons. A huge **thank you** to Dianne for all of her time, effort and commitment over these many years! Your contributions will be greatly missed! With her retirement, we are now looking for someone else to step in and take over her responsibilities in some capacity. If you are interested, or if you know someone who might be, please see Pastor.

Back-to-School Night Reminder – It's not too soon to be thinking about next year's event! A lot of school supplies will be on the clearance racks pretty soon; please continue to buy items for next year. A box is located in the narthex for supplies. Thank you.
Gail Boughner



From the Board of Evangelism: Hygiene Pantry takes place on the 3rd Monday of each month...10:00-11:30 a.m. and 6:00-7:30 p.m. We gave out 42 bags in September, helping 36 children and 77 adults. In October we will be collecting **WOMEN'S DEODORANT**. Please keep this mission in your prayers.

Volunteers are needed for weekly Coffee Fellowship. A new list is on the table in the narthex; please take a look and see if your group, committee, or board could sign up for a Sunday. Thank you!

Lee's Reminder: Please feel free to sign up for flowers. When you sign up, please let me know (734-3682), so we don't have duplicates. Also, I'd be happy to have garden flowers or whatever you wish. Thanks so much!



New Address for Jerry & Phyllis Supnick:
7373 Pinegrove #109
Jenison, MI 49428

This & That From Here & There:

Earn cash for **St. John's school!** Aunt Millie's UPCs are worth double in September, October and November. Clip them out and turn them in!

PROJECT CONNECT – Tuesday, October 17 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Church Hall in Onaway. Peace Lutheran Church has been asked to donate boxes of cereal for this event (our goal is 150; 94 have been collected, so 56 to go!). A collection box is located in the narthex; please help us reach our goal of 150. Last Sunday to bring boxes in will be October 15. *Thank you for your support!!*

LWML Sonshine Zone Fall Rally – Saturday, October 21 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alpena. *"Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!" Psalm 100:2* will be the theme; hear from the 2017 MOST Dental/Eyeglass Mission Team from Immanuel to Nicaragua. Ingathering of paper products, laundry and cleaning supplies for Immanuel's Food Pantry. Registration runs from 10:30-11:00 a.m. Cost is \$5.00. Contact Althea Luebke at 734-4168 if you'd like to ride together.

Kids Coalition Against Hunger and Thrivent Financial are partnering up to pack over 10,000 meals for distribution to local food pantries in Alpena and the surrounding areas. Arrive by 9:45 a.m. at the Alpena Mall on Saturday, October 21. Call 356-1330 for more info!

St. John Lutheran School in Rogers City invites you to their annual **ITALIAN DINNER & AUCTION** on Saturday, October 28th. Donations are being accepted, plans are being made, and you can almost smell that great Italian food cooking in the kitchen! More info available next week, but mark your calendars now!



Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alpena will be celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with a **special afternoon service** on Sunday, October 29, at 4:00 p.m. Members of area congregations are invited to attend. A potluck dinner will follow the service. Members who might be interested in singing with a special choir or participating in a brass choir for the service, please see Pastor.

WEEKLY CALENDAR
October 8, 2017 - October 15, 2017

Sun.	8:45 a.m.	Sr. Youth Bible Study (Youth Room upstairs)
8	9:30 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 a.m.	Christian Education Hour
	12-1:30 p.m.	Jr. High Confirmation

Pastor Riddle will be at the District Pastors Conference at Boyne Mtn. Sunday, October 8 through Wednesday, October 11.

Tues.	6:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees Mtg.
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Wed.	9am-1pm	Peg's Office Hours
11	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Contemporary Service
	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Practice

Thurs.	9:30 a.m.	Thursday Morning Bible Study
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Pastor & Family at a Family Baptism Friday, October 13 through Sunday, October 15.

Sat.		Baby Shower in Fellowship Hall
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Sun.	8:45 a.m.	Sr. Youth Bible Study (Youth Room upstairs)
15	9:30 a.m.	Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 a.m.	Christian Education Hour (NO Adult Bible Class)
	12-1:30 p.m.	Jr. High Confirmation

District 500th Anniversary Reformation Service, Lansing Sunday, October 15.