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Herald of Peace

October



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Recently, Kim and I were visited in the office by Cindy Swenson, a woman who works for the Montana DPHHS with people who are dealing with accessibility issues related to vision impairments. She had visited Peace for worship and had noticed that there is room for improvement in the ways we show our slides in worship for people to follow along.

Through conversation, we learned that black backgrounds with white words are most helpful for people experiencing limited vision and that images and colorful backgrounds and words can be distracting. We also realized that even with our best attempts, there may be people who have trouble seeing the screen, and having a hand-held option to follow worship could be helpful.

I know we have had some complaints about our worship slides in the past, and I apologize that we have not done a better job of addressing those concerns. The guidance Cindy gave us was incredibly helpful and we will make some ongoing changes to help those who have vision impairments feel connected to worship more fully.

Peace Office Hours

See Schedule on page 4
Call Ahead Before Stopping By

Weekly Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm
In-Person and on Facebook

Sunday: 10:00 am
In-Person and on Facebook

Sunday: 11:00 am, 5:30 pm
Community Channel 7

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Prayer Concerns of those we pray for

For the Church

Yehiel Curry - Presiding Bishop, WLCA
Ben Quanbeck - Montana Synod Bishop

For the World

Peace in Ukraine
Victims of violence and war in Israel and Gaza
All those affected by war in Iran and neighboring countries
Peace in the Middle East
Peace in Venezuela
Peace in the United States
President Donald Trump and officials at all levels of government

For illness or injuries of members

Gertie Gross	John & Rosanne Modde
Jim & Geri Frasch	Hank Tungstall
Darlene Thompson	Lawanda Sherseth
Eva Wilker	Susan Andersen
Gayle Bummer	Kathi & Erik Aslakson
John Baber	Kolter Olmstead
Evie Tenold	Linda Strosky
Rhonda Sappington	

For illness or injuries of family and friends

Pam – Lois Gorseth's friend, 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
Josh Wilker – son of Kim & Terri, reentry after prison
Drew Echales – friend of the Ramage family, medical diagnosis
Rena Killmer—Marlin & Muriel Overstreet's daughter, cancer
Tommy Murphy—Nephew of Susan Andersen, Medical Reasons
Carol and Gary - siblings of Lois Gorseth - recurring cancer
Adrian Mantei - Connie's son, recovering after hospitalization
Patty- Susan Finn's Sister-in-law, lymphoma
Eddie - Stacey Bowlds' step-father - Cancer treatment
Darrell - friend of Laurie Harrtford, rare lung cancer
Diane - Friend of Wendy Goodheart - diagnosed with breast cancer
Jim Berve - Cancer treatment
Mark - John Modde's son-in-law, kidney cancer
Dennis Haste - Mel Sider's dad, prostate cancer
Mary - Pastor Seth's grandmother, recovery after fall

For those who are grieving

The Ghekiere family as they grieve the tragedy of death and a house fire.

Prayer 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 406-671-4030



PEOPLE OF PEACE

As Peace grows, we want to help people get to know each other. Whether you just joined the church or have been worshipping here for years, we can all learn more about who we are!

Scan the QR Code to fill in the survey! For those who would like to participate, but do not use technology, please reach out to the church office, to Joan Brown, or to Holli Miller to let us know that you would like to be interviewed.



Completed profiles will be shared in each midweek newsletter, and will be posted on the wall in the upstairs hallway. Thank you to everyone who has responded! We look forward to hearing from more of you soon!

Our Family Promise guests will be arriving Sunday, September 27 and they will leave Sunday, October 4. Thanks to everyone who helped during the week.

One of our responsibilities during the week we host Family Promise is to spend the night. The evening host comes to the church around 8 p.m. Sometimes families are still up and in the Fellowship Hall. If they are still up, it gives the host a chance to meet the families, maybe play games, have a snack. We have a table with toys and games for the kids. I saw recently that my friend, John was painting pictures with the kids when he spent the night at his church!

But honestly, most of the families are already in their rooms and getting ready for bed by the time the host comes to spend the night. They leave the church by 6 a.m., that's pretty early! When people work late, the host waits to lock the door until everyone is in for the night. You will know their schedule ~ it's in the kitchen with the sign in sheet by the stove.

There have been a few emergencies in the night. It's never happened to us, but I know there was a pregnant Mom who went into labor, a woman who recently had surgery and needed to go back to the hospital, someone had car trouble. That's rare, but if there is an emergency, we have the phone numbers for you to call on the information sheet in the kitchen. You are never responsible to take care of that on your own.

The host has a cot with a small mattress on it. The cot is in the Fellowship Hall or the quilting room. Bring your own sleeping bag, pillow and other things that you might need for the night. I bring a book to read, or my iPad to watch a movie until I'm ready for bed.

You can leave with the families at 6 in the morning. Just make sure everyone is out of their rooms for the day!

I hope you will consider being an evening host for our Family Promise families. It's usually a quiet evening and it is such an important part of this ministry.

Thanks for all you do to help families find a home!

Peace Family Promise Coordinators,

Debbie Smith - 406-670-0974

Jan Bakko - 406-208-4022



In addition, Susan and Gary Finn recently donated some new hearing assistance devices to the church. I again apologize the prior hearing assistance system we had was not working as well as it could have. These personal sound amplifiers are quite easy to use and are available on a table in front of the doors to the sanctuary. We have labeled this table with a sign that should catch your attention. The table has both printed orders of worship for you to follow along with and two hearing assistance devices.

I realize these adjustments we are making may not address every concern that people have. I want you to know that I am very open to having more conversations about how we at Peace can support you and your loved ones with as full participation in worship life as you are able. Please contact me if there are any other ways we can be helpful in these areas.

Peace,
Pastor Seth

Peace Staff Weekly Office Hours

Fall 2026

Staff Key=

Pastor Seth

Kim Braaton

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 AM					
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Peace Quilters News!

The quilters at Peace meet each Wednesday morning, 9:00 a.m. to noon, in the basement at Peace. If you are interested in quilting or learning how to tie quilts, come and join us. We take a break for coffee and a visit around 10:30. The quilts you have seen displayed in the basement reception hall are examples of our handiwork. This past year we made 183 quilts which you saw displayed on the church pews at the beginning of May. Three have been given to community causes and 180 have just been sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution around the world where there is a need.

This is an important ministry the Members at Peace are sharing with the greater community.



Julie Morton-Yates	October 2
Wendy Goodheart	October 3
Carol Fortune	October 3
Rick Olson	October 4
Matt Suek	October 4
Joey Willis	October 6
Rita Wyman	October 8
Roger Schatzke	October 11
Stephanie Ali Musah	October 16
Amber Mantei	October 16
Taryn Hauglie	October 17
Hank Hewett	October 26
Sylvia Peterson	October 28
Bob Gilbertson	October 29
Richard Robbins	October 30
Marlene Thomson	October 31

October

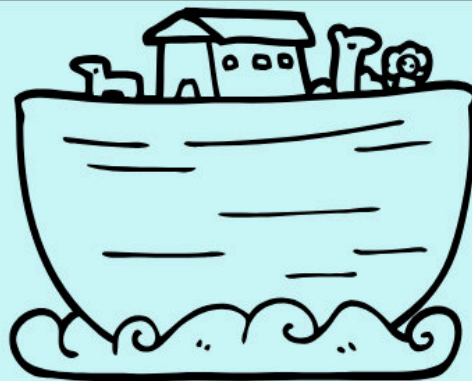
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Godly Play

Saturday, 10/03

Family Promise!

No Godly Play



Sunday, 10/11

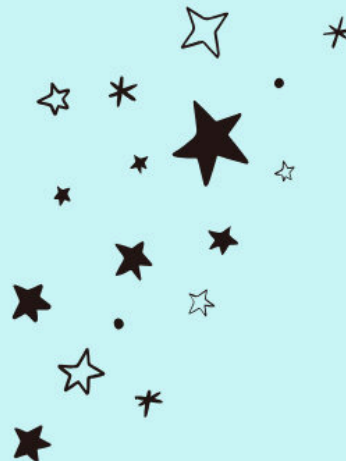
Ark and the Flood

10am- 11:15am

Saturday, 10/17

The Great Family

5pm-6:15pm



Sunday, 10/25

The Great Family

10am- 11:15am

Questions?

Peacelcyouth@gmail.com



**Help make Lefse and Meatballs for the
Lutefisk Dinner!**

Thursday, October 29th

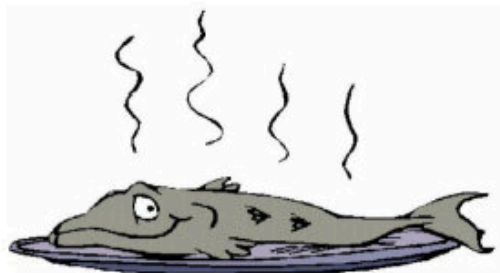
1:00 p.m

Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

Bring any supplies you have to help!



SAVE THE DATE



LUTEFISK DINNER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th AT 4:00 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Volunteers are needed to help set up, food preparation, and cleanup.

Contact Holli Miller: 406-672-9916 or h.miller1@bresnan.net



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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
August 2026	\$20,953.49	\$20,457.80	495.69
2026 Year-To-Date	\$155,426.52	\$153,426.66	1,999.86

August was our third largest giving month in 2026 thus far (March, \$25,189, April, \$22,353.80). This was a nice rebound after three months in which we failed to bring in more than \$20,000. We are still lower than our most recent seven-year average (\$23,578), but have been able to cover our costs through the summer. One point that was made during the September council meeting was that if we were still employing a youth director, we would be significantly further in the red for year-to-date numbers. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with our youth programming! We have had a number of volunteers step up and put a great amount of time, energy, and love into developing the Godly Play program at Peace.

Speaking of Godly Play, over the summer we made some significant changes to the youth room and purchased more supplies for that program. A great amount of the expense for that project came from our youth designated funds. In addition, the Education/Youth & Family Ministry Committee asked the council to repurpose the Vacation Bible School line item in the annual budget to help with these costs as well. This allowed us to keep the expenses associated with these adjustments within the parameters of our budget. Thank you also for the generosity you showed through the Godly Play book drive! We collected all the books we requested!

Please see the Lutefisk Dinner announcement in this newsletter to see where the proceeds from that event will be applied.



Do you want to support Peace Electronically? Follow this QR Code to be taken to our giving portal!

October 4th & 5th 2026

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

October 10th & 11th, 2026

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

October 17th & 18th, 2026

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-9, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

October 24th & 25th, 2026

Jesus' summary of the law in today's gospel echoes our first reading from Leviticus. We are called not only to love God with heart, soul, and mind, but also to love our neighbor as ourselves. It is out of such deep care that Paul shares the gospel with the Thessalonian community. In the confession of sins, we acknowledge that we have not loved God, neighbor, and self; yet we gather to hear the word of forgiveness and to be strengthened by word and meal to be signs of God's love and mercy in the world.

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18, Psalm 1, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46



Are you interested in helping with Godly Play?

Our Godly Play team will be holding an Informational Training Session on Sunday, October 25, from 11:30 - 1:00. If you are feeling called to help with children's ministries at Peace, or just curious to learn more about Godly Play, please join us! Meal and childcare will be provided.

(Attending the session is not a commitment to being part of the Godly Play Team. If you are not able to attend this session, we plan to host another one soon!)

Contact Katrina Rimage if you are interested or have questions.



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*



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!**

Delegates to Ministries

Christikon

Katrina Rumage
Kristi Bummer
Ruby Olmstead

Endowment Trustees

Joan Brown
Kristi Bummer
Jeff Murray
Greg Popp
Melissa Sider

Lutheran Center

Jeff Murray
Pastor Seth Rumage*

Shepherd Cluster

Dave Draeger
Jluie Draeger

St. John's Ministries

Jerilyn Dukart
Bob Peterson

Synod Assembly Delegates

Ann Barsness
Julie Draeger

† Denotes Committee Chair

*Denotes Council Member

October Serving Comm.

Deb & Chuck Sider, Chair
Nate & Melissa Sider
Jeff Murray
Stephanie Ali Musah
Luke & Julie Morton
Deanna Eggum
Clarice Beary

Scholarship

Wendy Goodheart
Holli Miller†*
Melissa Sider
Michelle Stockton

Worship

Ann Barsness
Julie Draeger
Wendy Goodheart
Michelle Stockton*

Congregational Committees

Abundant Life

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

Congregational Life

Joan Brown
Laurel Collier*
Molly Johnson
Holli Miller†*
Jeff Murray
Deb Sider
Melissa Sider
Michelle Stockton*

Education/Youth & Family

Jan Bakko
Bethany Fuqua
Julie Morton-Yates
Ruby Olmstead
Jody Pierce
Katrina Rumage†
Melissa Sider†
Holly Suek*

Mission & Service

Ann Barsness
Deanna Eggum*
Paula Jackson
Rick & Barb Olson
Linda Strosky
Weyland Zeller†*

Mutual Ministry

Bob Bakko*
Ann Barsness
Bob Peterson
Jody Pierce
Chuck Sider

Nominating

Lois Gorseth
Rhonda Sappington
Melissa Sider
(Council Appointed in November)
(Council Appointed in November)

Personnel

Bob Bakko *
Melissa Sider

Property

Mike Brown*
Deanna Eggum*
Jeff Murray
Paul Strosky
Weyland Zeller *

Church Cleaning Day

Saturday, October 10
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Treats Served to Good
Helpers!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:00a Worship Service with Holy Communion (In-Person and Online) 11:30a Confirmation 1:30p Al Anon	28 1:00p-3:00p Food Pantry 5:30p OA meeting <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	29 9:00a Prayer Group (Sanctuary)	30 6:30a Men's Breakfast 9:00a Peace Quilters 5:30p Bells of Peace	01 9:00a Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 10a-12p Food Pantry 12:00p OA Meeting	02 12:00p Al-Anon Meeting 2-4p Food Pantry	03 5:00p Worship Service with Holy Communion [In-Person and Online] 5:15p Godly Play
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