



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

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Herald of Peace

August

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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

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



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

This newsletter article will be a little different than others that I have shared during my time as your pastor. Usually, I try to sum up a lesson, give encouragement, or provide a mini sermon in these pages. This month, however, I'm going to be a little more direct with an ask for help.

Back-to-school time in the United States can be a difficult time financially for many families. I was talking with one mother who, even with searching for sales, has spent over \$700 on clothes for her ever-growing children. Add on the number of supplies that schools require, the cost of after-school care, extracurricular activities, and other incidentals, August and September can be difficult months to budget for.

In a normal year, this is already a challenge, but this year, with political and economic changes happening in our country, there is more need than ever. The Peace Food Pantry is seeing record numbers each distribution day, and we are spending money faster than ever before. Family Promise has more people in the program than at any point since 2020, with many single parents with multiple children. The United Way is preparing to distribute backpacks to more students than last year when they took over the program from Family Service.

As a congregation, Peace has risen to the occasion of many needs over the years, and we intend to continue to support our neighbors as they encounter periods of difficulty. Your faithfulness to this congregation through financial offerings, volunteerism, and prayer make being the body of Christ to the world easy, as we share our resources.

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Prayer Concerns of those we prayed for in July

For the Church

Elizabeth A. Eaton – Presiding Bishop, ELCA
Yehiel Curry – Presiding Bishop-Elect, ELCA
Laurie Jungling – Montana Synod Bishop
Ben Quanbeck – Montana Synod Bishop-Elect
Staff and Campers at Christikon and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camps

For the world

Peace in Ukraine
Victims of violence and war in Israel and Gaza
Peace in the Middle East
President Donald Trump and officials at all levels of government

For illness or injuries of members

Gertie Gross	Leroy & Luella Ketterling
John & Rosanne Modde	Ron Zech
Jim & Geri Frasch	Hank Tungstall
Darlene Thompson	Marlene Thomson
Lawanda Sherseth	Eva Wilker
Gayle Bummer	Evie Tenold
Rhonda Sappington	Karen Hann
Marlin Overstreet	Mike Brown
Kathi & Erik Aslakson	

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
Laura Fisher – Jodi Peterson's cousin, cancer
Josh Wilker – son of Kim & Terri, reentry after prison
Drew Echales – friend of the Ramage family, medical diagnosis
JC– John Modde's Son, lung cancer
Renae Killmer—Marlin & Muriel Overstreet's daughter, cancer
Nancy– Molly Johnson's mother, recovering from fall
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

For those who are grieving

Freinds and Family of Larry Torgerson (Connie Mantei's brother), who died July 23



Payer 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.



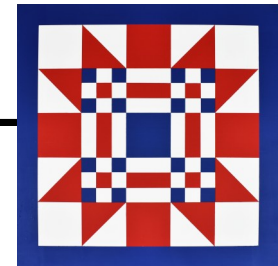
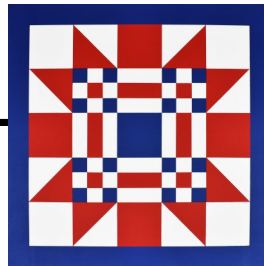
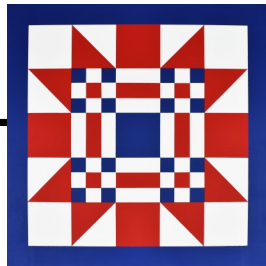
Completed profiles will be shared in each midweek newsletter, and will be posted on the wall in the upstairs hallway. Thank you to everyone who has responded! We look forward to hearing from more of you soon!

Congregational News

Peace Quilters News!

The quilters at Peace meet each Wednesday morning, 9:00 a.m. to noon, in the basement at Peace. However, we will not be meeting Wed. June 25th because of Vacation Bible School. 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.



Katrina	Rumage	August 11
Clarice	Beery	August 11
Kathleen	Simek	August 15
Hannah	Pecarina	August 16
Elaine	Shong	August 17
Evelyn	Heide	August 18
Anthony	Pecarina	August 19
Dorothy	Zeller	August 21
Paula	Jackson	August 22
Kim	Braaton	August 26
Keith	Hann	August 28
Carson	Hayashida	August 29
Jacquelyn	Fayram	August 30
Muriel	Overstreet	August 30

Happy Birthday to you all!

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

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The help I'm asking for is a continuation and deepening of the incredible work you are already doing.

As we get into our back-to-school ministries during the month of August, here's how you can help:

Family Promise: You will see in this newsletter, in the midweek email, and in the narthex, that we have put up the FP back to school supply drive. Please take a card (or more!) from the board and bring back the suppl(ies) listed by August 17, with the tag attached.

United Way Operation Backpack: Peace is providing volunteers to the United Way on August 19 from 9:30-12:30. We need fifteen volunteers to help organize supplies, fill backpacks, register people receiving backpacks, and greet people as they arrive. See the sign-up sheet on the Mission & Service Board, or talk with Rick or Barb Olson for more info.

Adopt-a-Teacher at Highland Elementary: We do not have a solid date/time for this annual ministry yet, but we can usually expect it will happen on the final week before school starts. This year we will likely help out on a morning on one of the days of August 27-29.

Peace Lutheran Food Pantry: Please consider giving a special donation to the pantry. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Bernie Mason.

As always, please keep these ministries, as well as all the children, families, teachers, administrators, and staff returning to school in your prayers. May God bless you to be a blessing to the world, at this time of need and forevermore

Peace,

Pastor Seth

Christikon Clips

August, 2025

Information for our Congregations



As you are reading this clip, we are readying for the last sessions of our 74th season. We hosted over 500 campers so far this season including youth, families, adults and at-risk youth. We have retreats scheduled through mid-October.

Our summer staff will be completing their stay with us and will soon be heading back to their lives outside of Christikon.

We look forward to our congregational and family retreats scheduled this fall. A few retreat times are still available.

Call Kerry in the office and reserve a time.

We continue to ask for your prayers for those traveling to camp, our staff, and our campers.

Blessings to all of you who support Christikon with prayer, time, skills, and your generous donations. We are grateful!

Please visit <https://christikon.org/donate-to-christikon/> and continue your support.

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

facebook

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!

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Peace Lutheran Financial Update

	Income	Expenses	Difference
June 2025	\$20,451.00	\$19,833.00	618.00
2025 Year-To-Date	\$121,401.60	\$125,787.00	-4,385.40

It is absolutely incredible to look at the June giving statements and see that giving was so robust during the month! Usually, we expect giving to drop in the summer, but you have keep up with offerings, both having similar numbers to other months in 2025, and posting the best June giving since 2019! Thank you! Your resources are going to helping the church continue it's good mission of "Making Christ Available to All by Rejoicing, Renewing, and Reaching Out."

Some of the organizations we have been able to bless because of your generosity include our own Food Pantry, Lutheran World Relief, and Family Promise. Not to mention, the vigorous giving you supported for the Tenold family. Your gifts to the congregation are a blessing to so many. Without you, none of our work would be possible!

Quarterly giving statements are available in the church library. Those that are not picked up by August 17 will be mailed to you. Thank you again for all the ways you support the mission of Christ's church at Peace Lutheran!



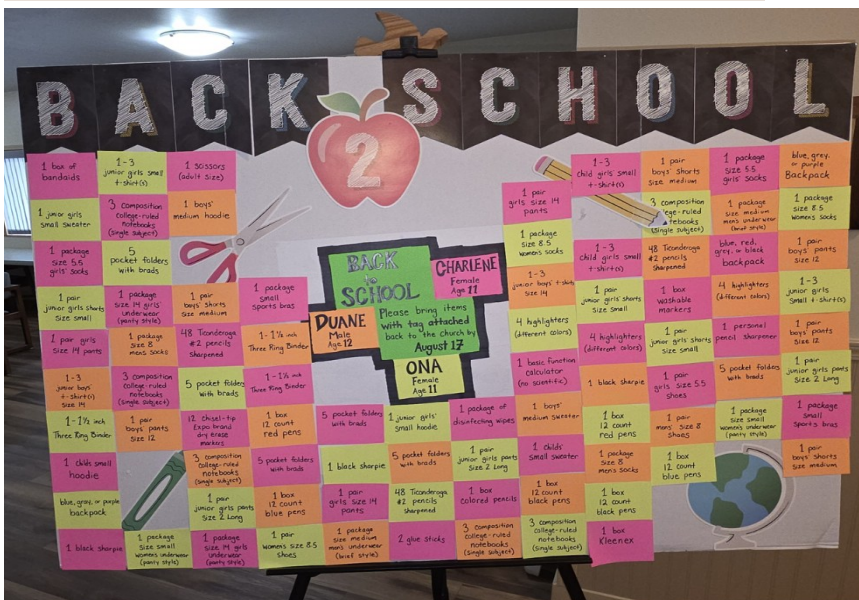
Do you want to support Peace Electronically? Follow this QR Code to be taken to our giving portal!



ELCA
CHURCHWIDE
ASSEMBLY



The Rev. Yehiel Curry
Presiding Bishop-elect of the ELCA
On Wednesday, July 30, 2025, the
ELCA Churchwide Assembly in
Phoenix, Arizona elected the
Reverend Yehiel Curry to be the next
Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America.



Please take a tag (or a few!) and purchase the item listed. Please return item, with tag attached, by Sunday, August 17, 2025.

Thank you for helping our Family Promise Kids prepare for the new school year!

Help us Provide Clothing and School Supplies to Kids in the Family Promise Program!



**Adult Education
and
Spiritual Formation Opportunities
Fall 2025**

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group*† Every Tuesday 9:00-10:00 AM, Peace Sanctuary
Pastor Seth teaches and leads prayer practice. Group shares prayer needs with each other, then prays over shared needs and through prayer list in the weekly worship bulletin.

Ruth Circle Second Tuesday 11:30 AM, Pizza Hut 2530 King Ave W
Women's Group meets over lunch to discuss the monthly Bible Study in the Gather Magazine from Women of the ELCA. Contact Connie Hausauer for more information.

Katie Circle* Second Tuesday 6:30 PM, Peace Fellowship Hall
Women's Group meets to discuss the monthly Bible Study in the Gather Magazine from Women of the ELCA. Contact Molly Johnson for more information.

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Every Wednesday 6:30 AM, Peace Fellowship Hall
Men share a meal, discuss the upcoming weekend's sermon text, and share prayer concerns with one another. Contact Mike Brown or Bob Gilbertson for more information.

Thursday Morning Bible Study* Every Thursday 9:00 AM, Peace Fellowship Hall
Pastor Seth leads Bible Study using bible and other resources. This academic year will feature a study of the Pentateuch, the first five books of the bible, using Handbook on the Pentateuch by Victor P. Hamilton. Contact Pastor Seth for more information or to receive a book.

**Denotes Ministry Beginning or Returning September †Denotes New Ministry
Please see Newsletter Calendar for Scheduling Information*

Peace Youth

August 2025



Sunday School

Sunday School will be starting in September. If you would like to be trained to volunteer for Sunday School please let Natalie know! Training takes place September 19-21st here at Peace. See the attached flyer and the 25-26 programming dates for more information!

2025-2026 Programming Dates

2025-2026 Youth programming dates are now out. See the attached flyer or contact Natalie for more details!

Camp Worship

Our first youth led worship will be camp worship, as a way to say "thank you" to the congregation for sending us to Christikon. It will take place September 27th and 28th at both services.

Confirmation

Confirmation starts on September seventh for 6th grade and above! Contact Natalie if you or your child will be participating. See the 25-26 programming dates for more details.

Backpack Blessing

A backpack blessing will take place on August 23rd and 24th at each service. All school aged children bring your backpacks!

Contact

Email:
peacecyouth@gmail.com

Phone:
406-252-5504



2025 - 2026 YOUTH PROGRAMMING DATES

**INDICATES REQUIRED EVENT

DATE	EVENT
SUN, AUG 17 TH	YOUTH DAY OF SERVICE (STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS)
SAT & SUN, AUG 23 RD & 24 TH	BACKPACK BLESSING AT BOTH WORSHIPS
SAT, SEPT 6 TH	FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
**SUN, SEPT 7 TH	CONFIRMAND BLESSING DURING WORSHIP, FIRST DAY OF CONFIRMATION FROM 11:30AM-12:30PM (REQUIRED FOR CONFIRMANDS ONLY)
**WED, SEPT 10 TH	CAMP WORKSHOP PREP & REHEARSAL @ 6PM, DINNER PROVIDED (REQUIRED ONLY FOR CHRISTIKON CAMPERS) NO REGULAR PROGRAMMING
WED, SEPT 17 TH	REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING
**SAT & SUN, SEPT 27 TH & 28 TH	CAMP WORKSHOP, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, CALL TIME 4PM SATURDAY, 9:30AM SUNDAY
FRI, OCT 24 TH	FALL LOCK-IN, 6PM - 8AM, 6 TH GRADE & UP
SAT, OCT 25 TH	LATE NIGHT, 6-10PM, 3-5 TH GRADE
TBD	TRUNK - OR - TREAT
WED, NOV 26 TH - SUN, NOV 30 TH	NO YOUTH PROGRAMMING
**WED, DEC 3 RD	CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL 5:30-6:30PM, REGULAR PEACE YOUTH PROGRAMMING

2025 - 2026 YOUTH PROGRAMMING DATES

**INDICATES REQUIRED EVENT

DATE	EVENT
**WED, DEC 10 TH	CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL 5:30-6:30PM, REGULAR PEACE YOUTH PROGRAMMING
**SAT & SUN, DEC 13 TH & 14 TH	CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, CALL TIME 4PM SATURDAY, 9:30AM SUNDAY
WED, DEC 17 TH 2025 - SUN, JAN 4 TH 2026	NO YOUTH PROGRAMMING
WEDNESDAY, JAN 7 TH	ACTIVITIES RESUME
FRI, MAR 20 TH	SPRING LOCK-IN, 6PM -8AM, 6 TH GRADE & UP
SAT, MAR 21 ST	LATE NIGHT, 6-10PM, 3 RD - 5 TH GRADE
SAT, MAR 28 TH - SUNDAY APR 12 TH	NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES
WED, APR 15 TH	WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME
**SAT & SUN, APR 18 TH - 19 TH	YOUTH LED WORSHIP, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUN, APR 26 TH	SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES
SUN, MAY 24 TH	LAST DAY OF CONFIRMATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUNDAY SCHOOL IS AGES 3 - 3 RD GRADE AND TAKES PLACE EVERY 1 ST AND 3 RD SATURDAY AND EVERY 2 ND AND 4 TH SUNDAY.	

A SPECIFIC CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE WILL BE GIVEN TO CONFIRMANDS

BECOME A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

★ We want your talent!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING IS SEPTEMBER 19-21ST HERE AT PEACE. TRAINING IS FREE TO ATTEND. ALL MEALS AND MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED. TRAINIERS WILL NEED TO READ "TEACHING GODLY PLAY" BEFORE TRAINING. CONTACT BELOW TO SIGN UP!

Schedule:

Sept 19Th: 6:00-8:30pm

refreshments provided

Sept 20th: 8:30am - 5:30pm

lunch and refreshments provided

Sept 21st: 11:45am-5:00pm

lunch and refreshments provided

CONTACT:

peacelcyouth@gmail.com or 406-252-5504



Aug 2 & 3

Queen Vashti

Having the bravery and confidence to stand up to an inappropriate request from a superior is both paramount to the moral foundation of society, and extremely difficult. Queen Vashti's simple reply, "no," is feared by the male "sages who knew the laws" (Esther 1:13). They advise the king to cast Queen Vashti out and to replace her with a new queen. What prophetic stance is God calling us to take? What are we afraid to hear when our norms are being challenged? Esther 1:10-22

Aug 9 & 10

Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego exemplified courage as they walked with the presence of God among the flames. Their trust in God overcame the human tendency to fear. "Be not afraid" is a notable refrain in the bible. It speaks to the utmost importance of courage and the weighty influence of fear on our actions. How do we stand together in faith despite the many fearful realities of the world? Daniel 3:1-30

Aug 16 & 17

Mary Magdalene

Why are we so cynical? It is easy to understand the viewpoint of doubt. But why did she believe? She never wonders if she is dreaming. She never questions whom she saw, though everyone she tells does not believe her. Perhaps she simply knows deep down what is right. She has nothing to hide, she has confessed her sins. She can see clearly. How do we allow Jesus to burst through the things that block us from seeing the simple, complex beauty of the resurrection? Mark 16:1-11

Aug 23 & 24

Anna

Perhaps being at the end of her life helped her to see the world with eyes sharpened for the holy. Perhaps living most of her years as a widow kept her hiding in the shadows, to keep from taking up too much space. Perhaps being a prophet made her both patient and persistent, trusting that the right moment to share her wisdom would, indeed, come. Luke could have easily left Anna out of the story. But she leans in—from the margins, from the shadows, from the edges of the scene to approach her newborn king. Where do we find ourselves waiting for God's promises to come true? How do we trust the promises are on their way? How do we recognize them when they arrive? Luke 2:21-38

Aug 30 & 31

Lydia

Despite her outsider status and how women are typically portrayed in scripture, Lydia is a woman of power, influence, and dignity. Purple dye was a luxury item for the elite, so we are to assume that Lydia is an established businesswoman. Lydia's first act as a new disciple is hospitality. She welcomes the apostles into her home. Later, after Paul and Silas are released from prison, her large home becomes the meeting place for the apostles and the growing Christian community in Philippi. As the only Philippian convert named in Acts, Lydia was quite possibly the leader and patron of the Philippian church. She used her wealth to establish the community, she risked her reputation as a businesswoman to house foreigners released from prison, she sanctified her conversion with acts of radical hospitality. What are we willing to put up as sacrifice to service of the gospel? Acts 16:11-15, 40

The Rumages will be out of town the weekend of August 30 & 31 for a family wedding. Please watch in bulletins and midweek emails for pastoral coverage on those dates.



Where will you find PEACE this summer?

Take a Peace logo with you on your summer fun. Take a selfie (or have someone take a picture of you) with the Peace logo. If possible, show a bit of where you are in the background of the photo. Upload your photo to the Peace Facebook page, or email to Nancy at blueskynt44@gmail.com.





Operation School Supply



Peace is once again helping the United Way with its Operation School Supply.

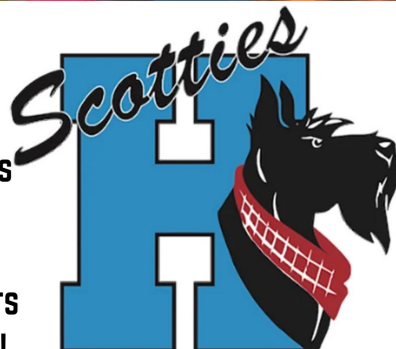
We will join at the United Way building
(2173 Overland Avenue) on

Tuesday, August 19, from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Please see the sign-up sheet near the Mission & Service Bulletin Board!



PEACE WILL BE HELPING
TEACHERS AT HIGHLAND
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PREPARE THEIR CLASSROOMS
LATER IN THE MONTH OF
AUGUST. KEEP YOUR EYES
PEELED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS
AND A SIGN-UP SHEET SOON!



Congregational News



Women of the ELCA Circles:
Everyone is welcome!

Ruth Circle

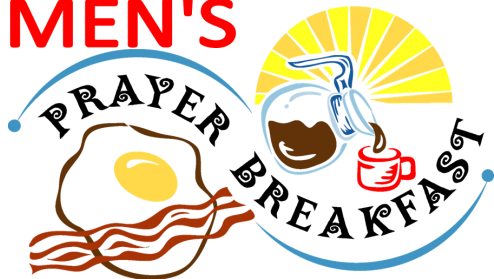
*Meets second Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.
Pizza Hut 2530 King Ave W*

Katie Circle

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

**SUMMER BREAK IN JUNE, JULY AND
AUGUST. SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!**

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!**

Delegates to Ministries

Christikon

Katrina Ramage
Tony Pecarina
Kristi Bummer

Endowment Trustees

Kristi Bummer
Dave Draeger
Greg Popp
Chuck Sider
Melissa Sider

Lutheran Center

Pastor Seth Ramage*
Jeff Murray*

Shepherd Cluster

Dave Draeger
Julie Draeger

St. John's Ministries

Mary Mosdal
Jerilyn Dukart

Synod Assembly Delegates

Louis Taylor*
Nancy Taylor

†Designates Committee Chair

*Designates Congregation
Council Member

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 Ramage
Melissa Sider
Holly Suek*

Mission and Service

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

Mutual Ministry

Mike Brown
Holli Miller*
Bob Peterson
Sharon Schatzke
Chuck Sider

Nominating

Rhonda Sappington
Gerge Simek
Peggy Welliever
(2 slots will be filled by outgoing
council members in November
2025)

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

August Serving Committee

Jody Pierce, chair
Susan Finn
Gary Finn
Rita Wyman
Wayne Wyman
Bob Voight
Bob Peterson
Sylvia Peterson
June Jenson
Dean Jenson
Michelle Stockton

Next Newsletter Deadline:

August 21st, 2025

Please send newsletter information to
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PRAYER VENTURES

August

1 We are church for the sake of the world, celebrating the abundant life that has been promised by God and fulfilled in Christ's life, death and resurrection. Pray for the Spirit to guide and inspire the discussions, decisions and work of the 2025 Churchwide Assembly, that our church will proclaim and exemplify the grace we have in Jesus.

2 Give thanks for those who participated in the Churchwide Assembly and ask God to protect them as they return to their faith communities.

3 Pray that when our interest is drawn to specific issues in our communities and the world, we will not lose sight of other issues that persist but have slipped away from public awareness.

4 Pray for worship leaders and musicians gathering for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians conference in Raleigh-Durham, N.C., that their passion, creativity and skills for leading music will grow as a means of expressing faith and sharing the gospel.

5 Give thanks and praise to God for the joy, freedom and new life we have in Jesus Christ and for the promise of eternal life in the kingdom of God. Hallelujah!

6 Pray for lasting and resilient peace where there is conflict and war in the world, especially in Ukraine, Russia and the Middle East. Pray that we will not grow weary in supporting and caring for those who continue to live in uncertainty and suffering amid violence, injustice and displacement from their homes and communities.

7 Praise God that our new life in Christ empowers us to renew ourselves in the image of the Creator and to oppose and cleanse ourselves of anger, hate, slander, abusive language, racism, dishonesty, self-centeredness and greed.

8 Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the Moravian Church in America, a full communion partner since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

9 Pray for local, state and national leaders, that they will respect and respond to our neighbors on the fringes of society, including people who suffer poverty and hunger, who need shelter, who live with illnesses and conditions requiring constant care, and whose rights and protections have diminished. Pray for compassion, strength and persistent courage to advocate and care for our neighbors in need.

10 Pray for the Spirit's guidance and wisdom in understanding the parables Jesus shared over two thousand years ago, and for insight into the admonitions and wisdom they offer us today.

11 Pray for our missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission who accompany global partners in 10 European countries, serving in ministries that provide education, pastoral leadership, social services and care for vulnerable populations.

12 International Youth Day Half the people on our planet are age 30 or younger. Pray for every nation to honor the gifts of young people, address the challenges they face and provide easy access to resources that contribute to their physical, spiritual, emotional, intellectual and economic well-being.

13 Ask God to bless those who have chosen to use their gifts, faith and time in long-term volunteer service with Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Urban Servant Corps, Holden Village or other domestic ministries.

14 Open our hearts and minds to see problems in the world as opportunities to encourage and care for one another, to seek new paths toward justice and peace, and to share the good news of God's mercy and love for humanity.

15 "Go my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever" (WOV 721). Praise God for being ever present in our lives and the world — in times of turmoil, peace, fear, joy, failure and achievement.

16 Pray for students attending ELCA colleges, universities and seminaries, and other institutions of higher education, that they will grow in faith, knowledge, wisdom and commitment to serve others.



PRAYER VENTURES

August

17 Ask the Spirit how we might align ourselves with the commandments, desires and priorities of God, the very things Jesus made clear to us through his life, suffering, death and resurrection.

18 Pray for the church leaders gathering for the Ecumenical School on Governance, Economics, and Management for an Economy of Life in Seoul, South Korea. Organized by the World Council of Churches, the Lutheran World Federation and other ecumenical organizations, the school helps leaders to bridge theology and economics and to advocate for a global economic system that meets the needs of humanity and responds to the crises we face today.

19 Give thanks to God that, through our collective generosity, our church provides grants and scholarships to support the ministries of individuals, communities, congregations, synods, and ELCA partners and companion churches.

20 “Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord” (Jeremiah 23:23-24). Give thanks that God sees all evil and deception in the world, and promise to be vigilant and discerning so that we might uplift our neighbors and please God.

21 Pray for the work of Sumud, an initiative of our church that works for justice in Palestine and Israel, proclaiming that all humans are beloved children of God who deserve safety, security and dignity.

22 Give thanks for the ELCA New Congregations ministry and for the 340 new-start congregations and ministries under development in the United States and the Caribbean, supported by local leaders and their synods’ bishops and directors for evangelical mission.

23 Pray for congregational leaders and volunteers who are preparing fall programs and community ministries to share the gospel, nurture faith, serve neighbors in need and equip people of all ages and abilities to do God’s work in the world.

24 There is no convenient or more suitable time to respond to the suffering of our neighbors. Pray that we will be mindful of those around us — near and far — and promptly respond with respect, kindness, generosity, sustainable solutions and concern for their short- and long-term needs.

25 Pray for teachers, student teachers, administrators and other school staff, that their strength, knowledge, creativity and commitment to students will be nourished throughout the school year. Ask the Spirit to help us express our thanks and support them in tangible ways.

26 “Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free” (ACS 1087). Lift up praise and thanks to God!

27 Give thanks for people who play a significant role in your life, including those who inspire your faith, teach you life skills, influence your values, treat you with love and respect, and show up when you need someone to lean on.

28 Remember in prayer children, youth and adults whose lives have been touched and inspired by outdoor ministry experiences this summer. Pray that they will bring back to their home congregations their rekindled faith, enthusiasm, confidence and commitment to love their neighbors.

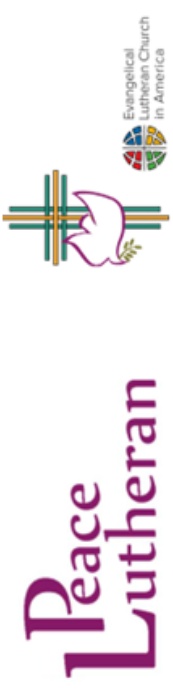
29 Rejoice in the daily care, support and sustenance we receive from God and our siblings in Christ. Pray that we, in turn, will freely share the same with our neighbors.


30 Each of us has a unique faith story to tell. Ask the Spirit to help us find our own way of describing our faith journey — how God works through us and how Jesus Christ defines our lives.

31 Ask the Spirit for the faith needed to be both confident and humble. Promise to focus on neighbors in need and to resist personal desires for reward, status or advantage.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
10:00a Worship Service with Holy Communion 1:30p Al Anon	1-3p Food Pantry 5:30p OA meeting <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	3:30p SAIL Class	6:30a Men's Breakfast 9:00a Peace Quilters 5:30p Peace Pals 6:30p Refuel Meal 7:00p Peace Youth	10a-12p Food Pantry 12:00p OA Meeting 3:30p S.A.I.L. Class	12:00p Al-Anon Meeting 2-4p NO FOOD PANTRY <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	5:00p Worship Service with Holy Communion [In-Person and Online]
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