



# Herald of Peace



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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 and on Facebook*

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



## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

As many of you know, I have been attending a quarterly meeting at the ELCA Churchwide offices in Chicago for the last four years. The focus of this meeting have been the study of Bowen Family Systems Theory and its implementation in ministry settings. Though there are numerous ways to define and explore Bowen Theory, the main gist of it is that we are formed by our families of origin- our parents and siblings- in close emotional systems. How we react to stress and anxiety in our families of origin repeats in other areas of our lives. This is especially true in places of worship. Because faith is so essential to who we are and how we experience the world, we tend to experience God and our fellow parishioners as a close emotional system.

Part of my study for the past four years has been to explore the emotional dynamics of my family of origin and the nuclear family I am participant in now, asking how my emotional processes connect to the relationships that exist at Peace, within groups of colleagues, and the wider church. I think (read: hope) that the work I have done has helped me grow as a person, pastor, husband, father, and son, so that I can continue to live in these relationships as fully as God intends. Also, as I graduate the program in June, I know that the work will always continue as I learn more about you, myself, and God's plan for us all.

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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

### 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  
JC– John Modde's Son, lung cancer  
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  
Helen Postma - Sharon Hogan's sister-in-law  
Diane - Friend of Wendy Goodheart - diagnosed with breast cancer  
Charles Jackson - Katrina Ramage's Uncle, accident and brain injury  
Jim Berve - Cancer treatment  
Maurice - friend of Mike Brown, Cancer  
Lena - friend of Ameloia Sider - gymnastics injury  
Mark - John Modde's son-in-law, kidney cancer

### For those who are grieving

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 Ione 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!

Thanks to everyone who helped with Family Promise in May! All of our rooms were full ~ 5 adults and 8 children.

Thanks to Rick, Barb, Jody, Weyland, Bethany, Deanna, and Clarice. I want to say a special thank you to 2 of the confirmation students ~ JJ and Ethan. They made beds one Sunday and took sheets off the next Sunday. It was really helpful to have them there. Ariella also helped put pillows on beds and she put them away when we were done. All ages can help! We need everyone.

We also had a new volunteer from Phillips 66, Stacy. Phillips 66 has several programs that encourage their employees to volunteer in the community. Stacy cooked dinner Saturday night for the families and stayed awhile to talk and play with the kids.

Our next date for hosting Family Promise is July 19-26. Mark that on your calendars! We can always use help. The sign-up board will be in the narthex the weekend of July 4-5. Our guests are blessed by all that you do, whether its helping set up, tear down, cook a meal, spend the night, and/or praying for them and their week at Peace. All of those things help them move forward in the Family Promise program. A place where families experiencing homelessness find a forever home.

Debbie Smith 406-670-0974

Jan Bakko 406-208-4022



I'm sharing this all with you for two reasons: first to try to share what I have been up to in this quarterly travel over the time I have been your pastor; second to say "thank you" for supporting me in this education by wishing me well, praying, and supporting part of the cost of the travel and tuition. Even if this is the first you are hearing of this work I have been doing, you have been helpful on the way.

If you are curious about what I've been learning, or about Bowen Family Systems Theory, there are a few options to learn more. 1) Ask me! I'm glad to share what I've been learning. 2) Watch for announcements about education at Peace- through the summer I will be working on plans to do some teaching at the church. 3) Pay attention to announcements from the Montana Synod. I will also be working with NRIT (Northern Rockies Institute of Theology) to put on workshops and group discussions beginning in the fall.

Again, I want to say thank you for your support and for your interest (or at least your polite attention!) as I have shared about this experience throughout the last four years.

Peace,  
Pastor Seth

## Peace Staff Weekly Office Hours

Summer 2026

Staff Key=

Pastor Seth

Kim Braaton

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 AM					
9:00 AM		Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	
9:30 AM		Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	
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2:00 PM	Kim Braaton		Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	
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3:30 PM	Kim Braaton	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	
4:00 PM	Kim Braaton	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	
4:30 PM	Kim Braaton	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	Pastor Seth	
5:00 PM					
5:30 PM					

## 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.



<b>Barbra Lee</b>	<b>June 05</b>		
<b>Joy Lindberg</b>	<b>June 08</b>		
<b>Luke Morton-Yates</b>	<b>June 08</b>		
<b>Laurel Collier</b>	<b>June 09</b>		
<b>Marilyn Bertsch</b>	<b>June 16</b>		
<b>Justin Duke</b>	<b>June 18</b>		
<b>Bonnie Hovik Clausen</b>	<b>June 19</b>		
<b>Amy McGough</b>	<b>June 21</b>		
<b>Jacob Pierce</b>	<b>June 23</b>		
<b>June Berve</b>	<b>June 24</b>		
<b>Lynn Bulger</b>	<b>June 24</b>		
<b>Gary Broeder</b>	<b>June 25</b>		
<b>Finley Kintzing</b>	<b>June 25</b>		
<b>Serafin Pecarina</b>	<b>June 27</b>		
<b>Dave Draeger</b>	<b>June 28</b>		
<b>Gertrude Gross</b>	<b>June 03</b>	<b>Julie Draeger</b>	<b>June 28</b>
<b>Chuck Sider</b>	<b>June 04</b>	<b>Holli Miller</b>	<b>June 28</b>
<b>Katherine Aslakson</b>	<b>June 05</b>	<b>Everly Willis</b>	<b>June 28</b>
<b>Ali Musah Iman</b>	<b>June 05</b>	<b>Nancy Taylor</b>	<b>June 29</b>



## JUNE AWAY DATES

Pastor Seth and the Ramage Family will be travelling June 6-13. Pastor Seth will attend his final session of the ELCA Natural Systems Academy June 8-10, and the family will vacation for a few days on either side of that meeting. Pastor Peter Christ will be in worship at Peace on June 6 & 7. Pastor Kristi Bummer will join Peace on June 13 & 14.



### A Memorial Service for Erl Barsness

Peace Lutheran Church  
Saturday, June 20, 2026 - 10:00 AM  
You can find Erl's obituary at:  
<https://www.michelottisawyers.com/obituaries/erling-barsness>





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# SUMMER CONCERT

**SERIES 2026**  
AT ST. JOHN'S UNITED



**THURSDAYS AT 7PM**

**RED, WHITE & YOU**  
Celebrating America's 250th Birthday

**JUNE 18**

**Goldpine**

Opener: Angie Langliers **WyndStone, Billings Heights**

**JUNE 25**

**Little Joe and the Cartwrights**

Opener: Jenna Greenwell and Gavin Russell

**The Crossings, Laurel**

**JULY 2**

**JK & the Northern Lights**

Opener: Billings Community Band **Billings Westend Campus**

**JULY 9**

**Parker Brown and the Bleeding Hearts**

COVERS TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS

Opener: Kalyn Beasley **Billings Westend Campus**

**JULY 16**

**Mercedes Carroll and Doc Elliot Full Band**

Opener: Grant Jones **Billings Westend Campus**

**JULY 23**

**Hellroaring**

**Billings Westend Campus**



OPENERS BEGIN AT 6 PM • FREE ADMISSION  
FOOD TRUCKS AVAILABLE

**SPONSORS**

June

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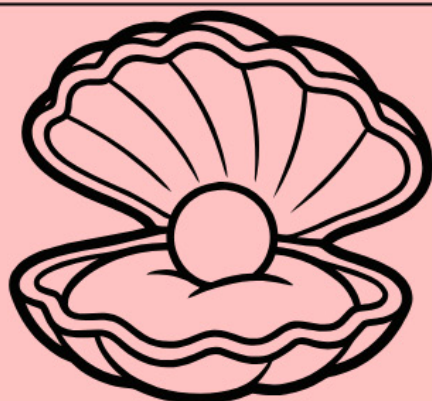
# Godly Play

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**Saturday, 06/06**

**The Great Pearl**

5pm- 6:15pm



**Sunday, 06/14**

**The Great Pearl**

10am-11:15am

**Saturday, 06/20**

**The Sower**

5pm- 6:15pm



**Sunday, 06/28**

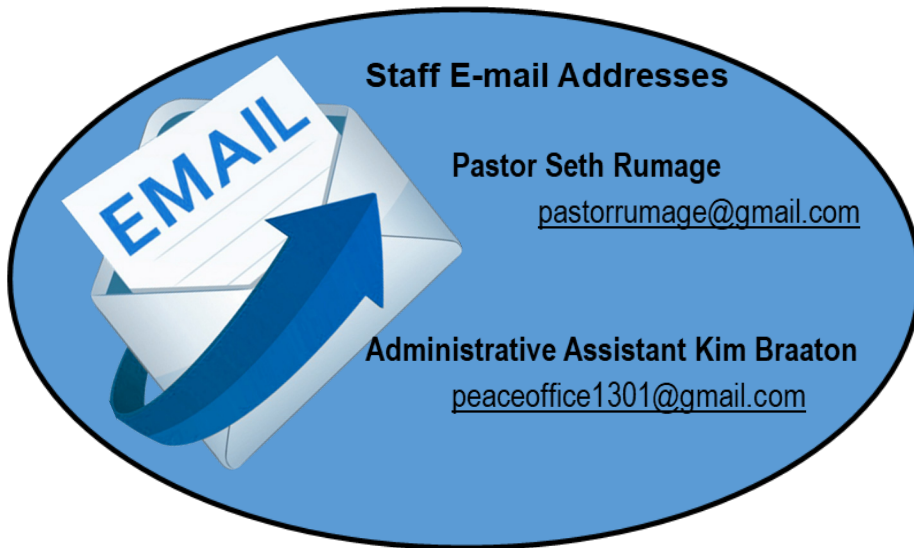
**The Sower**

10am-11:15am

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Questions?

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# 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!

## Peace Lutheran Financial Update

	Income	Expenses	Difference
April 2026	\$22,353.80	\$20,745.04	1,608.76
2026 Year-To-Date	\$85,134.98	\$80,582.82	4,552.16

2026 has been an interesting year financially. You're likely noticing similar patterns in your personal finances as we are here at the church. Costs have been rising on many essential items and services, while most incomes are not rising to meet the need. Those of you on fixed incomes are surely painfully aware of these dynamics. In response it seems that giving has fluctuated through the first four months of the year. April was our second-best month of giving thus far, and you can see on the table above that both our monthly numbers and our year-to-date figures show we are "in the black." However, compared to the last few years, this April was one of lower giving. Whether that is in response to various economic pressures or some other variable will likely become more clear in the longer term. For now, we wish to once again say thank you to everyone who continues to give to Peace on a regular basis. We could not do the ministry we are doing without your faithful, emotional, financial investments.

On another note, we continue to have strong giving to our various designated funds. Thank you to everyone who has given to the Food Pantry, Youth Funds, Lent Offering Organizations, and the like. Peace continues to be an incredibly generous congregation, both within the walls and in the community!



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

## Saturday, June 6 & Sunday, June 7, 2026

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

Hosea 5:15-6:6, Psalm 50:7-15, Romans 4:13-25, Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

## Saturday June 13 & Sunday, June 14, 2026

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

Exodus 19:2-8a, Psalm 100, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]

## Saturday, June 20 & Sunday, June 21, 2026

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

Jeremiah 20:7-13, Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15], 16-18, Romans 6:1b-11,  
Matthew 10:24-39

## Saturday, June 27 & Sunday, June 28, 2026

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

Jeremiah 28:5-9, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42



**Women of the ELCA Circles:**

Everyone is welcome!

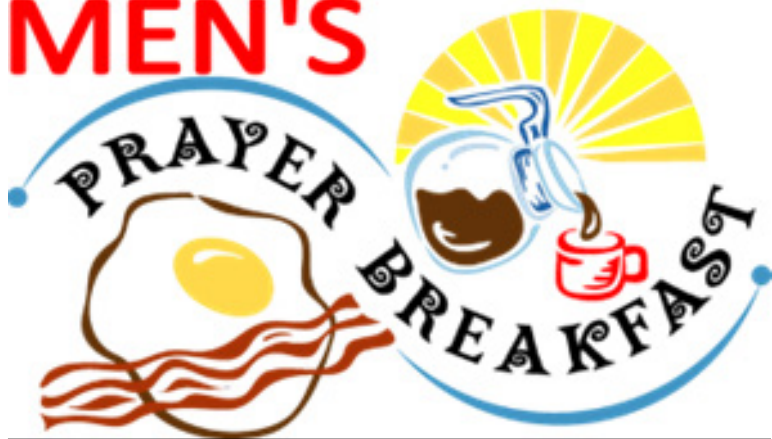
**Ruth Circle**

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**



**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  
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**Lutheran Center**

Jeff Murray  
Pastor Seth Rumage\*

**Shepherd Cluster**

Dave Draeger  
Jluie Draeger

**St. John's Ministries**

Jerilyn Dukart  
Bob Peterson

**Synod Assembly Delegates**

Clarice Beery  
Julie Draeger

† Denotes Committee Chair  
\*Denotes Council Member

**June Serving Committee**

Ann Barsness, Chair  
Margie Procop  
John Modde  
Roseanne Modde  
Robin Goodheart  
Wendy Goodheart  
Laurel Collier  
Dwight Olmstead  
Ruby Olmstead

**Scholarship**

Wendy Goodheart  
Holli Miller†\*  
Melissa Sider  
Michelle Stockton

**Worship**

Ann Barsness  
Julie Draeger  
Wendy Goodheart  
Michelle Stockton\*

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**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  
Julie Morton-Yates  
Ruby Olmstead  
Jody Pierce  
Katrina Rumage†  
Melissa Sider†  
Holly Suek\*

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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**

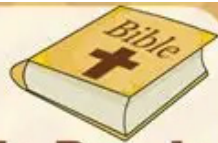
Lois Gorseth  
Rhonda Sappington  
Melissa Sider  
(Council Appointed in November)  
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**Personnel**

Bob Bakko \*  
Melissa Sider

**Property**

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



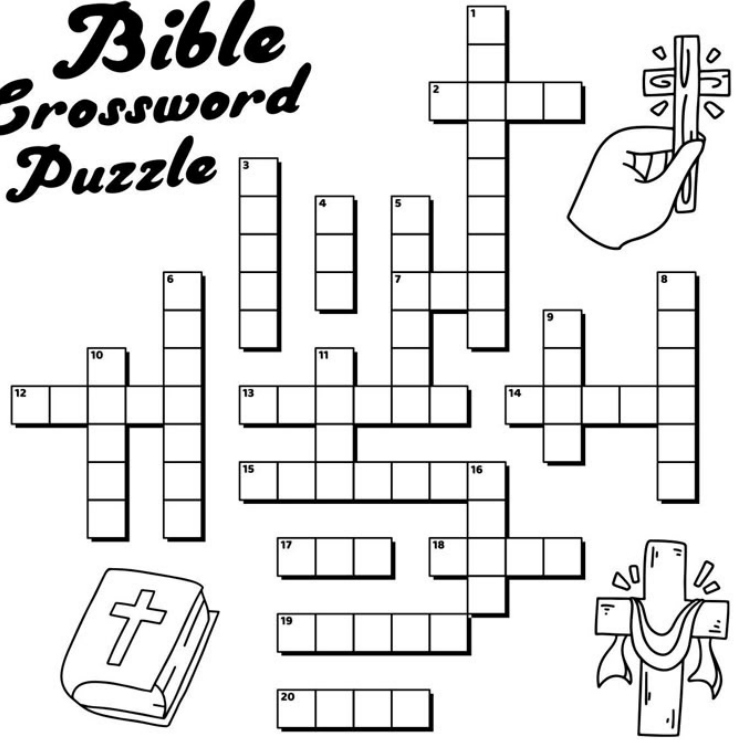
## Bible Word Scramble Puzzle

1. TNVAED
2. EDPLSCII
3. SIMHASE
4. SAAIERPD
5. ECOIREJ
6. OEALNIVETR
7. AFEICSRIC
8. MNRSOE
9. NESTIYMOT
10. RNEPTMACEE
11. NISEEGS
12. NDROAP
13. RLTA
14. NMEA
15. CCRUHH
16. HSICTR
17. IGTF
18. TANSI

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## Bible Crossword Puzzle



Across		Down	
2. This led the wise men to baby Jesus	7. The first woman	1. The town Jesus was born in	3. Long sharp weapon
12. The queen of what country came to see Solomon	13. What is it called when we talk to God?	4. Who created everything?	5. How many disciples did Jesus have?
14. Who wrote the 23rd Psalm?	15. Wisest man in the world	6. Who was the first Jew?	8. What Solomon asked God for
17. God created the world in how many days?	18. Two ladies argued about this	9. The first man	10. Who is a descendant of Abraham and King David, and is the Savior of the world?
19. Who parted the Red Sea?	20. What kind of bird did Noah send out of the ark to see if the land was dry?	11. The first king of Israel who died in battle with his son, Jonathon	16. He built the ark

Word Bank						
Solomon	Baby	Sword	Sheba	Adam	Eve	Wisdom
Star	Saul	Bethlehem	Moses	Abraham	Jesus	Noah
Dove	God	David	Twelve	Prayer	Six	



2026

JUNE

# Peace Lutheran



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01 1-3p Food Pantry 5:30p OA meeting <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	02 9:00-10:00a Prayer Group	03 6:30a Men's Breakfast 9:00a Peace Quilters	04 10a-12p Food Pantry 12:00p OA Meeting	05 12:00p Al-Anon Meeting 2-4p Food Pantry	06 5:00p Worship Service with Holy Communion [In-Person and Online] 5:15p Godly Play
07 10:00a Worship Service with Holy Communion (In-Person and Online) 11:30a Confirmation 1:30p Al Anon	08 1-3p Food Pantry 5:30p OA meeting <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	09 9:00-10:00a Prayer Group 11:30a Ruth Circle (King Ave. Pizza Hut) 6:30p Katie Circle (Peace Fellowship Hall)	10 6:30a Men's Breakfast 9:00a Peace Quilters	11 10a-12p Food Pantry 12:00p OA Meeting	12 12:00p Al-Anon Meeting 2-4p Food Pantry	13 5:00p Worship Service with Holy Communion [In-Person and Online]
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