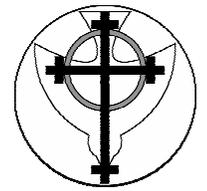


The Peace Post



The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen!



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR MESSER

“Pay No Attention to That Man Behind the Curtain!”

Growing up, one of my favorite movies was *The Wizard of Oz*. Back then, before the days of VHS and DVD, it was only shown once a year on T.V., so it was quite the annual event in many households. It certainly was in mine. I remember that I used to take my bath early on “Wizard of Oz Night,” so that I could settle in, enjoy the goodies my mom would make for me, and get lost in the story that takes place “somewhere over the rainbow.”

I’m sure most, and probably all, of you have seen this movie, which means that you are familiar with the climactic scene. Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Lion, after accomplishing the mission given them by the great and powerful Oz to acquire the broomstick of the Wicked Witch of the East, make their way back to Emerald City and appear before Oz once again, that he may grant their wishes. Of course, as you know, the great and powerful Oz, thanks to some good detective work done by Dorothy’s dog, Toto, turns out to be an ordinary man hiding behind a curtain. And, as Toto pulls back the curtain to reveal him, the man says, in the voice of the fake Oz, “Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain!”

Last week, as I watched the 63rd Regular Convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod online, I was reminded of this scene in *The Wizard of Oz*, for what I heard from President Kieschnick (who received 52.3% of votes cast and was re-elected to a third term), other LCMS leaders, and many delegates was equivalent to what the man pretending to be Oz said, “Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain!” Allow me to explain.

There is a myth being put before us (much like the holographic Wizard of Oz) that our synod enjoys complete unity in doctrine. According to this myth, the differences that exist within our synod are minor and do not affect the unity in doctrine we enjoy. And so, we are urged to pay no attention to the differences behind the curtain, but to glory in the unity we share in doctrine.

The “slight of hand” used to promote this myth is the false belief that we can share unity in doctrine while being diverse in practice, as if doctrine and practice are two distinct things and can, and even should, be separated. But, as I’ve said many times, doctrine and practice cannot possibly be separated. You simply cannot remain Lutheran in doctrine while employing Methabapticoctal practices. This is not rocket science. Even a seven year old can understand this.

And yet, when people in our synod today point out the truth (reveal the differences behind the curtain), they are swiftly ordered, “Shut that curtain! Focus on the unity in doctrine we share!”

Dear friends in Christ, do not be fooled by the myth. The differences which exist in our synod are serious, doctrinal differences. Unfortunately, the majority of the delegates at Convention this past week decided to leave these differences behind the curtain and pretend like they do not exist. And so, the myth continues and one wonders if our synod will ever listen to the many Totos who are barking and trying to pull back the curtain. Sadly, it doesn’t look like it will, for those currently in power have placed guards in front of that curtain to prevent it from being pulled open. Lord, have mercy!

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Messer

It is finished!



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The True Lutheran

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In the May, 2007, issue of the *Lutheran Witness*, President Gerald Kieschnick wrote, “We [the LCMS] simply do not disagree with one another on major articles of faith. Our difficulties and disagreements stem from lack of similarity in putting our doctrinal formulations into practice.” He then goes on to itemize various areas of disagreement by including, “. . . who should be allowed to commune at our altars, the role of women in congregational life and mission, diversity in worship styles, lack of clarity in implementing the doctrine of church and ministry, and differing perspectives regarding inter-Christian relationships.” While acknowledging that more attention needs to be paid to these issues, President Kieschnick strongly implies that none of them are really major doctrinal issues, but suggests that these are merely matters of practice, not doctrine.

This statement by President Kieschnick is in stark contrast to his previous statement on the same subject in the April 2000 issue of *Concordia Theological Quarterly* (CTQ), in which he said, “. . . our synod appears to be, and actually is, far from united in some areas of doctrine and practice . . .” The truth is that his CTQ statement is correct while his second statement in the *Witness* is in error.

It would seem that our Synodical President doesn’t seem to understand the nature of true Lutheran unity in doctrine and practice. For true Lutherans, discussions regarding “major” doctrines and “minor” doctrines is a non-starter which smacks of a kind of “Lutheran Fundamentalism” in which some doctrines are seen as important while others are not. True Lutherans have never been “Fundamentalists!” By definition, Fundamentalism insists that there must be agreement in the fundamental doctrines of the faith, but that all other doctrines must be left to individual interpretation. In stark contrast, true Lutherans have always insisted that the doctrine of the Church is a seamless whole which cannot be taken one piece at a time but as a whole, undivided body of teachings which comprise the whole of the Christian faith.

True Lutherans would insist that every doctrine of the faith is intimately connected to the Gospel itself and is a part of that Gospel. Thus, there can be no “non-fundamental” doctrines, for to compromise in any doctrine is to detract from the Gospel itself. Each doctrine shows us yet another beautiful facet of the “gem” of the Gospel, and ever false teaching detracts from the whole of the Gospel.

Then there is putting our doctrine into practice. Our practice shows our doctrine. That’s what we are practicing! We all know that if someone says something that is not backed up by what that person does, that the truth of the matter is what he does, not what he says. Likewise, as a synod, we must all practice our doctrine in unity or we are giving the world a contradictory message. Our doctrine is most clearly seen, then, by how we practice it. To say it another way: Our practice is our doctrine and our doctrine is our practice.

Lately, there have been voices of false Lutherans who insist that we should have the greatest possible latitude in our practice, while maintaining our doctrinal unity. But, of course, this is quite impossible! Consider the words of St. Paul as he writes to a badly divided Corinthian congregation:

“I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.” [emphasis added] (1 Corinthians 1:10)

Or consider the words of our Lord in His final prayer for those who would believe the apostles’ message:

“. . . that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me . . . May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” [emphasis added] (John 17:21-23)

The unity of the Godhead itself demands the unity of the Church. The Godhead of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit gives the model for the Church. What diversity of doctrine or practice would exist between the Three Persons of the Trinity? What divergence of will? Would one Person say something different from the other? Of course, that is unthinkable! Yet, today false Lutherans persist in saying that, since practice is different than doctrine, we may practice our doctrine differently and still be united in our doctrine! Once this mistake is taken as truth, then, for example, one LCMS congregation may practice biblical closed communion (meaning agreement in all articles of doctrine is necessary to commune together) and another may practice a form of open communion by requiring only that communicants acknowledge the “real” presence to be admitted to the altar, and yet another may practice blatantly open communion, stating that a com-

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municant's belief in Jesus as Savior is sufficient for admission to the altar. Such division is shameful, dishonest, and ought not to be! It most certainly is not unity in our doctrine!

Likewise, our Lutheran Confessions do not reflect a fundamentalist view when they say:

"In this way, by correcting whatever has been treated differently in the writings of both parties, everything could be brought together and returned to one single truth and to Christian concord. Moreover, we may thus honor and serve one, pure, and true religion." [emphasis added] (Kolb/Wengert, p. 31)

" . . . all the bishops . . . keep diligently together in unity of teaching, faith, sacraments, prayers and works of love, etc." [emphasis added] (Smalcald Articles, Kolb/Wengert, p. 308)

Doctrine and that doctrine's practice are two sides of the same coin. We cannot claim Christian unity and not act in harmony with what we say. We cannot be one synod on paper only, but have a division in how we live out our faith.

How can we possibly hold the same doctrine when some LCMS congregations practice having women as Elders who by the very nature of their duties exercise spiritual authority over men acting as assistants to the pastor in matters of Christian discipline? How can we possibly hold the same doctrine when in some LCMS congregations women participate in the public proclamation of God's Word by the public reading of the lessons, while some congregations reserve this distinctive pastoral role only to men? How can we possibly hold to the same doctrine when some LCMS congregations participate in public worship with those with whom we are not in altar and pulpit fellowship, while others refrain from doing so? How can we possibly hold to identical doctrine when some LCMS congregations have abandoned the heritage of ancient Christianity and our own Lutheran heritage by opting for worship formats which are expressive of Reformed theology rather than Lutheran theology, even though our Lutheran Confessions clearly say that we Lutherans retain the Divine Service and the ancient liturgies of the Church? Clearly, we are a synod at odds with itself! We are a synod divided by doctrine, for our doctrine determines how we practice. If our practice is in contradiction, then, too, is our doctrine!

President Kieschnick's claim that we are not divided doctrinally is a denial of our synodical reality. The assertion that we just need to permit every pastor and congregation to do

what is right in their own eyes is a formula for division and is itself schismatic. Such a claim is opposed to the maintenance of true Lutheran unity of both doctrine and practice in which the people of God speak with one voice in every possible way.

St. Paul in Ephesians 4:3-6, 11-16, states it very well:

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all . . . It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

What is very clear in the above passage is that the "unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" is not merely holding John 3:16 in common, but it is unity in the whole body of doctrine which is described as ". . . the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Thus, full unity of doctrine and its practice will bring the result that "we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth . . ." by false doctrine. Our practice simply demonstrates our doctrine and, thus, our unity is seen in both our doctrine and in our doctrine's practice.

True Lutheran unity is doctrinal unity and it is unity in practice. President Kieschnick has encouraged our synod to be: One Mission—One Message—One People! While this encouragement is commendable, the things are out of order. He should encourage our synod to be: One Message—One People—One Mission! It is the unity of the message (doctrine), which makes us one people (practicing our doctrine), resulting in working together, by God's grace, to accomplish our one mission.

In Christ,
Rev. Richard A. Bolland



PEACE LUTHERAN LIBRARY



Donations are always welcome!

If you are thinking about donating one or more books to our library and are not sure what to be looking for, we have a "wish" list of suggestions in the church office. Prices and books can also be found in the CPH catalog, also in the church office.

We would like to encourage people to use our Church Library more often. If you have read a book from our library that you enjoyed, or that inspired you, and you would like to share it, please contact Beth Brostrom or Coaline Lajlow.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH TUESDAY, AUGUST 14 BAY CITY BOAT TOUR DOWN SAGINAW RIVER

We are planning a drive to Bay City to take a two-hour boat tour down the Saginaw River, with lunch in town after the tour. Jo Wendt has invited us to her lake front home following our lunch. We will leave Peace at 8:00 a.m. to arrive in time to board the 10:00 tour. The boat ride is free. Questions? Contact Mary Jakolat 463-3067 or Lois Ramsey 463-8306.

Jo Wendt sends us her suggestions: *Dress is casual, shorts, Capri's, or slacks. A sweater or jacket if the weather is cooler. and a visor or hat is sometimes good if you are seated or standing out front. Bring swimsuits and beach shoes (it is stony going out to swim or wade) for those who would like to go in the water. I usually wear shorts and Bay City being a resort type town, shorts are acceptable for going to lunch. Weather permitting we will try to eat out on the riverfront.*



PYG NEWS

As this newsletter is being printed up, 5 members of the youth group and 3 adult chaperones are attending the "Higher Things" gathering in Minneapolis, MN.

Those attending are:

SAMANTHA MESSER, SARAH MESSER, LAUREN PENZIEN, MELANIE PENZIEN, REBEKAH RODRIGUEZ;

ANNA BROSTROM, JON PENZIEN, PASTOR MESSER

See the PYG bulletin board in the fellowship hall for schedules, pictures and other Youth Group news.

Jonathan Penzien

CHURCH PICNIC

Mark your calendars!

**Peace Lutheran Church
Picnic to be held on
Sunday, September 9
at Pastor Messer's home**

**Informational letter
coming shortly!**



Synopsis of July 10, 2007 Church Council Minutes

Date: July 10, 2007

Time: 7:00 p.m

MINUTES

Call To Order & Opening Prayer - President Jakolat called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Pastor Messer conducted the opening prayer. The following members were present Vern Jakolat, Miguel Ortiz, Carol Zeile, Dave Zeile, Bill Brostrom, Sharyn Greening, Larry Elliott. Members absent: Megan Brown, Coaline Luplow, Dick Kohler. Non-voting members present: Pastor Messer

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - Motion made by Treasurer Zeile, supported by Councilmember Elliott to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 5, 2007 as presented. Motion carried unanimously

Reports – The following reports were presented and received into record: Pastor, Treasurer, Board of Elders, Board of Trustees, Board of Christian Education, Board of Evangelism, Board of Stewardship, Constitution & Bylaws

Old Business

Forgiveness of Down Payment Loan - The Council discussed the Pastor's down payment assistance loan. Motion made by Councilmember Brostrom, supported by Vice President Ortiz to table the discussion of the down payment loan until the August Council meeting. There was discussion of the motion. Councilmember Brostrom withdrew his motion. Motion made by Councilmember Elliott, supported by Vice President Ortiz to forgive the down payment assistance loan as long as Pastor Messer remains the Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church. Aye:5, Nay: 2 (Jakolat, Brostrom) Motion carried.

New Business

Pastor will check on getting the phone in the kitchen fixed.

Discussion of phone bill. Long distance will be removed.

Councilmember Greening will look into having the Michigan District E-Bulletin distributed electronically.

Discussion of emailing newsletters to members who do not regularly attend.

General Comment *(limited to 3 minutes per person on any item/matter not listed on the agenda)*

Vice President Ortiz is back to stay and will remain Vice President.

President Jakolat asked Boards to be thinking about budget needs for next year.

Nominating committee will need to be formed to nominate officers for next year.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

Motion made by Councilmember Brostrom, supported by Councilmember Elliott to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm. Pastor Messer conducted the closing prayer.

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Megan Brown, Secretary

LADIES & ALTAR GUILD INFO

- **LADIES GUILD MEETING:** Guild meets the first Monday of each month from October to May (except for September, which will be the Second Monday). All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend our guild meetings; if you are a confirmed female member of Peace, you can be a member of the guild. We would sincerely encourage you to participate and be an active member of the guild.
- **LADIES GUILD PRAYER CHAIN:** The Ladies Guild has a prayer chain in place. If you wish to be included in the prayer chain as a caller, see Marlene Wiltshire. If you wish to add yourself or someone else to the prayers, call Marlene Wiltshire (463-4101).
- **ALTAR GUILD DUTY:** July - Beth Brostrom; August - Carol Zeile; September - Beth Brostrom
- **ALTAR FLOWERS:** There is a flower calendar for 2007 posted on the fellowship bulletin board. If you wish to place flowers on the altar some time during the year, fill in your name and/or contact Beth Brostrom or Cheryl Henry. A bouquet usually lasts about one (1) month and the cost is about \$25.



UPCOMING COFFEE HOSTESSES:



August

5 - Jenny Baughman
 12 - Lois Ramsey
 19 - Carol Zeile
 26 - Coaline Luplow
 29 - Sharyn Greening/
 Megan Brown

September

2 - Lois Miller/Jeanette Bigelow
 9 - Janice Sager
 16 - Youth Group
 23 - Cheryl Henry
 30 - Lisa Messer

October

7 - Cheryl Kuehnlein
 14 - Darlene Palmer
 21 - Sara Cummins
 28 - Janice Langan

SECOND TIME AROUND SALE

We are looking for all your unwanted household items. Clothing, shoes, yard/garden items, books, craft items, etc.

This sale will take place August 16-17, 2007. You may start bringing your items on Sunday, August 12th.

Proceeds from this sale will go to the S.A.L.T Committee.



Any questions, please contact Lisa Messer or Dorothy Trgina.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR WEBSITE LATELY?

www.peacealma.org

- Read or listen to Pastor Messer's sermons online!
- Read info about our 2007 Easter Egg Hunt and view pics (more pics to come!)
- View our Constitution and Bylaws
- View our Service Bulletins and Inserts
- Access our Lutheran Confessions
- Access a fully color-coded Church Year Calendar
- Read *The Peace Post*, Pastor Messer's Bible Study Notes and *Morning Sun* articles

**Much more is on the way!
 Check back often!**

Vacation Bible School Donation

The VBS staff once again chose to support Lutheran Child & Family Service of Michigan. The children were given small envelopes to use for their contributions. Their offerings plus a donation to VBS were sent to LCFS of Michigan. Please see the letter posted on the bulletin board.



S.A.L.T. NEWS & NOTES

*S.A.L.T. is our Evangelism Committee here at Peace. Its mission is to **Share with All the Love and Truth** of Jesus Christ!*

1. **Looking for more S.A.L.T. members:** We are in the process of revitalizing our committee and becoming more organized and focused on fulfilling our mission. We have many things we would like to accomplish, but need more help to do so. Please consider joining our group. There are no membership dues or contracts to sign! All that is needed is a heart to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ within our congregation and without our community. You need not sign up nor tell anyone of your intention to join our committee. All you need to do is show up at our next meeting on **Tuesday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m.** Please come join us and help us make this very important committee more effective!

2. **Relay for Life: Friday/Saturday, August 10-11, 3:00 pm - 3:00 pm** at St. Louis High School. Bring your friends and family members, join our team, and have fun camping out, visiting the PLC campsite for as long as you like, or walk around the track once or twice with other Peace members or friends. We are still looking for volunteers to help out at the Barbecue Fund Raiser that we are sponsoring. See Don Reithel after Service the next couple of weeks if you are interested in helping out. Our efforts in this campaign are dedicated to the glory of God and to those who have lost their battle with cancer or continue to fight this dreaded disease.



4. **Support Our Troops:** Please continue to help us support our troops as we will continue to accept donations for this ministry. If you have any family members serving overseas in our military and would like for us to send them a shipment, please see Andrea or Larry Elliott. Thank you!



5. **Advent Tea:** We are already planning our next Advent Tea, which will take place on **Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m.** There will 12 tables available for hostesses this year. A sign up sheet **IS** posted on the S.A.L.T. bulletin board. These tables will be first come, first serve, so if you want to host a table, please make sure to sign up as soon as possible! The requirement for hosting a table this year is that it must include the **color red** in it somewhere. The rest is left to your own individual creativity. Of course, it is also the responsibility of each table hostess to invite seven guests to sit at their table. There is an additional sign up sheet on the bulletin board for any of you who desire to attend the Advent Tea, but do not want to host a table. We will share this list with our hostesses to make sure that all who desire to attend are invited. If you have any questions about Advent Tea, please see Lisa Messer.



6. **Food Bank:** Food Bank collection Sunday is the first Sunday of every month. Please help the S.A.L.T. committee give aid to families and seniors of Gratiot County by bringing non-perishable, canned, or packaged foods on **Sunday, August 5**. Suggestions for donations are posted on the S.A.L.T. bulletin board. Place your donations in the **RED COLLECTION TUB** in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your help!



8. **SPECIAL S.A.L.T. MEETING:** Last month, we announced that a special meeting would take place prior to our regularly scheduled S.A.L.T. meeting to discuss the development of an *Intentional Evangelism Program* here at Peace. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, both our regular meeting and this special meeting had to be cancelled. So, we'll try it again. We will hold this special meeting on **Tuesday, August 21 at 6:00 p.m.**, which will be followed by our regular S.A.L.T. meeting at 7:00. Please plan on joining us as we discuss plans to develop and implement this program. Hope to see you there!

9. **SECRET PALS LUNCHEON:** All the ladies who participated in our Secret Pals Program are invited to attend the Secret Pals Luncheon to be held on **Saturday, September 15, at 12:30 p.m.** At this luncheon, we will reveal who our Secret Pals were this year and enjoy a pot-luck lunch together (please plan on bringing a dish to pass). We will also sign up for next year's program (the forms for doing so will be made available beforehand). So, come and join us for this exciting time together when all secrets are finally revealed! Questions, see Lisa Messer.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT PEACE

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

- Sunday School will reconvene in the fall.
- Adult Bible Class is offered **every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.** for all confirmed members of Peace and adult guests. We are currently engaged in a detailed study of **Revelation**.

Youth Confirmation Class

- Youth Confirmation Class will reconvene in the fall.

Together in the Word

- Our *Together in the Word* Bible Study takes place **Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** All men and women of Peace who are available at that time are encouraged to join us. Guests are always welcome, too. We are currently engaged in a detailed study of **Genesis**. Please plan on joining us soon.

“It’s All Greek to Me”

- *It’s All Greek to Me* is a class for those interested in learning elementary Biblical Greek. This class has been put on hiatus and will reconvene at the end of August or beginning of September.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

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| 1 - Violet Byers | 22 - Bonnie Meir |
| 1 - Jacob Strand | 25 - Megan Kuehnlein |
| 2 - Phillip Schafer | 29 - Mike Harrison |
| 7 - Bill Hendrick | 29 - Jeannette Bigelow |
| 10 - Jennie Harmon | 31 - Jon Penzien |
| 20 - Megan Brown | 31 - Bonnie Gustavison |

Happy Anniversary to:

- 3 - Holly & Dave Meyers
- 6 - Trina & Dale Palmer
- 6 - Danelle & John Brostrom
- 9 - Andrea & Larry Elliott
- 10 - Lois & Phil Ramsey
- 18 - Tina & Blaine Schafer
- 18 - Pam & Chris Hyde
- 23 - Janice & Jack Langan



If we ever miss your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so that we can update our records.



EUCHRE NIGHT!

Euchre has been discontinued for the summer. Thank you to all who came and played this past winter. We will resume again in the fall. Watch for postings when we re-convene.



TABLE TALK

Our Table Talks are informal and informative discussions with Pastor Messer on various topics decided by the group in attendance. Our next Table Talk will take place **Thursday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Pastor Messer's house around the campfire.** All are invited to attend! Hope to see you there!

PAROCHIAL REPORT

(As of)

Membership at Peace

Baptized - 188; Confirmed - 148

Official Acts: 4

Baptisms: Rebekah, Ashleigh, Gregorio, and Juan Rodriguez (July 8, 2007)

Membership gains: 4

Membership losses: 0

Financial Report

YTD Receipts: \$52,625.27

Budgeted YTD: \$57,855.00

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August 2007

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

July 29	July 30	July 31	1	2	3	4
8th Sunday after Trinity 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC		9:30—Together in the Word		5:00 pm—WW		
5 9th Sunday after Trinity 9:30—Service of Prayer and Preaching (Elder led) 10:45—Fellowship	6	7 NO Together in the Word 7:00—Council Meeting	8 7:00—Stewardship Committee Meeting	9 5:00 pm—WW	10	11
		<i>Pastor Messer on vacation, contact his cell if needed: (989) 289-3908</i>				
12 10th Sunday after Trinity 9:30—Service of Prayer and Preaching (Elder led) 10:45—Fellowship	13	14 NO Together in the Word 8:00 - Ladies Lunch Bunch - Bay Boat Trip	15	16 5:00 pm—WW	17	18
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26 12th Sunday after Trinity 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC	27	28 9:30—Together in the Word	29	30 5:00 pm—WW	31	September 1

SERVING IN AUGUST

	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>	<u>ELDER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
AUGUST					
5 - 9:30 am	Lauren Penzien Jordan Henry	Beth Brostrom	Don Reithel	Burt Henry Curt Oswald	Jon Penzien & Family
12 - 9:30 am	Kelsey Gensler Sarah Messer	Mary Jakolat	Larry Elliott	Jon Penzien Chris Brown	Jim & Janice Sager
19 - 9:30 am	Tyrel Harwager Melanie Penzien	Beth Brostrom	Terry Luplow	Bill Hendrick Jim Sager	Dorothy Trgina/ Lillian Manns
26 - 9:30 am	Samantha Messer Phillip Schafer	Mary Jakolat	Dave Zeile	Bill Brostrom Vern Jakolat	Dick & Joyce Kohler
SEPTEMBER					
1 - 9:30 am	Jessica Oswald Lauren Penzien	Beth Brostrom	Don Reithel	Miguel Ortiz Burt Henry	Vern & Mary Jakolat

“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men” (Eph. 6:7)

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The mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to welcome all people into the fellowship of God's love by proclaiming the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ and to nurture our members with God's Holy Word and Sacraments.