

The Peace Post

Peace Lutheran Church ~ Alma, MI

June, 2011

Peace Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We believe, teach, and confess the doctrine of the evangelical, catholic faith as it is taught by Holy Scripture and faithfully confessed in the Book of Concord of 1580. We are committed to the pure preaching of God's Word and the right administration of the Holy Sacraments, catechesis of all people in the Christian faith, and liturgical worship consistent with our Reformation heritage. We are an evangelical, orthodox, and catholic congregation, proclaiming Jesus Christ crucified, risen, and reigning for the salvation of the world!



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From the Desk of Pastor Messer **"In the World You Will Have Tribulation. But Take Heart; I Have Overcome the World"**

Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

Our Lord Jesus Christ says, *"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33).

These were the concluding words of the Holy Gospel this past Sunday—Rogate (Easter 6, May 29)—and they have been lingering in my mind since then, especially as I contemplate the many challenges and tribulations we face as Christians in this dead and dying world. What a tremendous comfort to know that, amidst these many challenges and tribulations, we can have peace and take heart, for our Lord Jesus has indeed overcome the world, including all the challenges and tribulations we face here in this vale of tears.

We poor, miserable sinners desperately need to hear this Good News time and time again, for the truth is that, when challenges and tribulations beset us, we are prone to fall into doubt and despair. We wonder why these things have fallen upon us. Have we done something to offend God? Is He upset with us? Does He not love us? Or, worst of all, does God even exist?

Thus do our Lord's words here come as a much needed antidote to the poison of doubt and despair which threatens to overtake and destroy us. The first comfort we draw from these words of our Lord is the assurance that we will have tribulation in this world. I know, that hardly seems like comfort. But, it is, and a great comfort at that! For, here, our Lord prepares us. He minces no words. We will have tribulation in this world. Period. It's just a fact. There is no escaping it. So, when tribulation does come our way, we can be comforted by the fact that our Lord has told us ahead of time that we would face such in this world. We need not wonder why. And when the devil and our sinful flesh team up on us in the attempt to lead us into doubt and despair, we need only recall these words from our Lord to rebuke them.

The second and greater comfort we draw from these words of our Lord is the assurance that He has overcome the world. Yes, we will face challenges and endure tribulations in this world, but our Lord Jesus Christ has already overcome them all for us. Through His perfect life, sacrificial death, glorious resurrection, and triumphal ascension, He has overcome sin, death, and the devil. They are done in. Defeated. Conquered. Vanquished. The battle has already been fought and our Lord is the Victor. And we who have been blessed with the faith to believe in, and confess, Jesus as Lord share in His victory. We are more than conquerors through Christ, who loved us. What shall separate us from the love of Christ? Nothing. NOTHING! Not tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, or sword (cf. Rom. 8:31ff.). Not financial difficulties or relationship problems. Not unloving parents or disobedient children. Not uncertain futures or unemployment or foreclosures. Not chronic pain or fatal disease. Not backstabbers or gossipers. Not empty pews or budget deficits. Not even death itself. Nothing shall separate us from the love of Christ. He has overcome the world. He has overcome all the challenges and tribulations that harass and harangue us in this life—all of them!

So, take heart. Be at peace. The Day is coming when you will never face another challenge or tribulation again—ever! For the same Lord who has overcome the world for you has also prepared a new world—an eternal kingdom—for you, where there is no more pain, no more sorrow, no more mourning, no more tears, no more suffering, no more sin and death, but only perfect peace, love, bliss, comfort, and joy. You have already been made citizens of that eternal kingdom in Holy Baptism—more than that, you have been adopted into the Divine Family and made fellow heirs of that eternal kingdom. Imagine that! Your Lord has prepared an eternal kingdom in which you will not only dwell with Him, but you will reign with Him. No wonder St. Paul states with exuberance that the glory which awaits us far outweighs all the suffering we endure here.

We get a glimpse of that glory in the Divine Service, where our world-overcoming Lord visits us with His grace, mercy, love, and peace, feeding us with the rich feast of His Holy Word and His Holy Body and Blood. In the world, we have tribulation, but in the Divine Service, we are brought out of the world and into the sanctuary (safe-haven) of our Lord's Holy House of Prayer. This is more than just a short time-out from life in the tribulation-producing world. The Divine Service is not just an opportunity for you to escape the world for an hour and fifteen minutes each week, as if you get to take a break from reality for a short time each week. No. The Divine Service IS REALITY for you who have been baptized into Christ. In the Divine Service, you are home. In the world, you are a pilgrim, a stranger, a sojourner. The world is not your reality. The world is not your home. You are *in* the world, but not *of* the world. You belong to Christ and His kingdom, and the Divine Service is for you a homecoming, a family reunion, where you are gathered together with your Lord and all the saints and angels in a Holy Communion that will never end. The Divine Service is the most real thing you experience this side of glory. It's not where you take a break from reality, but the only place where you experience your true and genuine reality during your earthly pilgrimage.

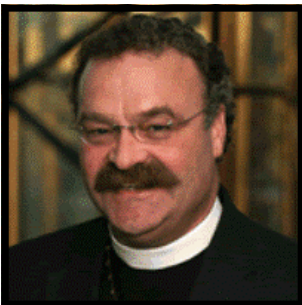
If this is true—and it IS!—then it should go without saying that the Divine Service should be the highest priority in a Christian's life. Christians should be in the Divine Service as often as is possible, not because this is some sort of legal obligation they need to fulfill, not because their attendance will make God happy, not because they want to feel good about themselves for “going to church.” No. Christians should be in the Divine Service as often as is possible because it is where their Lord Jesus comes into their midst to forgive

their sins, strengthen and preserve their faith, bless them, and bestow His peace on them. The Divine Service is where Jesus Himself comes among His people to speak His life-giving Word to them; it's where the sheep hear the voice of their Good Shepherd, reminding them that He has overcome the world for them, that whatever challenges and tribulations they're facing in this world will not last, for He has overcome them all; it's where Christians receive the Living Water and Bread of Life they need to sustain them as they continue their journey through the wilderness of this sinful world until they are finally brought into the Promised Land of the eternal kingdom prepared for them before the foundation of the world was laid; it's where their baptismal garments, which have been dirtied by their own sins and by the filthiness of the sinful world, are washed white in the Blood of the Lamb; it's where Christians are HOME! It would be odd, indeed, for Christians to knowingly and willingly stay away from the Divine Service, where their Lord has promised to be among them with His Divine Gifts—where they are at home.

So, come home, dear friends in Christ, and come home often. As I said at the beginning of this article, we poor, miserable sinners desperately need to hear the Good News our Lord and Savior shares with us time and time again. We do have tribulation in this world, just as He said we would. Sometimes, it seems like we are bombarded by it from all sides. But, we can take heart, for our Lord has overcome the world for us, and He has prepared a new world, an eternal kingdom, for us. He will come back to take us to be where He is. Until then, we meet Him where He fulfills His promise to be with us always—in His Holy House, the only place in this tribulation-filled world where we are truly home. And, we pray: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Messer



DEATH'S PRECARIOUS TOEHOLD

President Matthew Harrison's article in the April, 2011 edition of "The Lutheran Witness"

In a beautiful treatment of the resurrection of Christ, Luther compares the resurrection to a birth:

Christ, our head, has arisen. But now that the Head is seated on high and lives, there is no longer any reason for concern. We who cling to Him must also follow after Him as His body and members. For where the head goes and abides, there the body with all the members must necessarily follow and abide. As in the birth of man and of all animals, the head naturally appears first, and after this is born, the whole body follows easily. Now since Christ has passed over and reigns above in heaven over sin, death, devil, and everything, and since He did this for our sake to draw us after Him, we need no longer worry about our resurrection and life, though we depart and rot in the ground. For now this is no more than a sleep. And for Christ it is but a night before He rouses us from the sleep (Luther's Works, vol. 28, p. 110; Commentary on 1 Corinthians 15).

The hard part is done. The walls of the fortress of death, sadness and gloom have been breached—yes, razed at the foundation! Says Luther, because of Christ's resurrection, "all the hold death still has on us is by a small toe!" In Baptism, we've been united with Christ. So we shall go where He goes. Through cross, trial and into death? Yes . . . but with Christ through death to life and resurrection (Rom. 6:1ff.).

That's the secret to a joyous life, come what may. Read the Book of Acts, and you will quickly find that the powerful evangelistic preaching of the apostles was very simple. This Jesus is the Christ, foretold by the prophets (Acts 2:25ff). "You crucified and killed [Him] by the hands of lawless men" (Acts 2:23). "God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it" (Acts 2:24).

It was a straightforward message of (1) prophecy fulfilled; (2) stinging Law directed full force, right between the eyes; and (3) sweetest Gospel. Believe and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins. By faith, all that is Christ's is yours. In Baptism,

you are connected with Him, and both His death for sin and resurrection to life are yours. We depart from this type of evangelistic preaching (Scripture/Law/Gospel/Resurrection/Baptism) at our own eternal peril, to the detriment of the Church.

Too simple? Hardly. It's God's apostolic outline for preaching—for reaching the lost and forgiving and empowering the baptized (however creatively applied!). And note how utterly objective it is! Notice who the actor is! God promised this Christ in the Scriptures! God's Law damns you! God's Gospel of the resurrection—of Christ put to death for our transgressions and raised for our justification (Rom. 4:25)—forgives you! The hard part is done! “It is finished” (John 19:30). Believe it, and it's yours! There is *nothing* to do. Only receive! Joy!

This is the resurrection source of the apostles' joy—a joy that would not wither, even under the whip (death's toehold). “They beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they [the apostles] left . . . rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name” (Acts 2:41). “Reconciled by His death,” “saved by His life,” “we rejoice in God!” (Rom. 5:9ff). Trials (pinched toes) push us to repentance, which is the path to joy (Psalm 51). And so the apostles and prophets bid us rejoice in trials (1 Peter 1:3–6). They point us to Jesus in every tribulation, all purposefully sent by God for our good (Rom. 8:37ff), “who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross” (Heb. 12:1–2). The apostles invite the baptized to “suffer together” and “rejoice together” (1 Cor. 12:26) for a more fulsome joy!

The very resurrection of Christ—come home to us in Baptism (Col. 2:12)—frees us to breach the walls of pride and hatred and envy. We are freed to not expect those around us to be anything but sinners in need of Law/Gospel and love, just like we are (1 Tim. 1:15)! We are freed to rejoice in family and friends. We are freed to face death, even death, with the resurrection resolve that has grabbed hold of us in Christ. He's been through it all. He knows the way. He is the way.

Sin, death and the devil still pinch toes. They've got a toehold to be sure . . . but only a toehold!
And not for long.

Blessed Easter!
Pastor Matthew Harrison
“Let's go!”
Mark 1:38



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FROM A LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

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Confirmed in Christ

Sunday, May 22, was Confirmation Sunday at Peace. Our two confirmands, Sierra Luplow and Aaron Messer, answered a series of Scriptural and catechetical questions during the Order of Matins with Public Questioning at 8:30 a.m. that morning, and they did a fabulous job, answering every question asked of them correctly. Then, at the Divine Service, they were confirmed during the Rite of Confirmation, as they publicly confessed their faith in Christ and vowed to remain in that faith, by God's grace, before their brothers and sisters in Christ. Sierra also received her First Communion that day. We rejoice over the Lord's work in bringing Sierra and Aaron to this milestone and pray that He would continue His work in them all their days, until He finally brings them into His eternal kingdom to enjoy the blessings of the faith they have been gifted to confess.

Some pics of the occasion:

(Special thanks to Gretchen Harrison, who chairs the Banner Committee of our Ladies Guild, for overseeing the production of the beautiful new confirmation banner you see in the pics)



Synopsis of May 3, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes

Call To Order & Opening Prayer

- Elder Zeile called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Elder Zeile conducted the opening prayer. The following members were present: Carol Zeile, Dave Zeile, Gary Miller, Sharyn Greening, Carolyn Johnson, Vern Jakolat, Larry Elliott, and Ken Hill and Cassie Tennant..

Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve by Gary Miller, supported by Carolyn Johnson motion carried unanimously

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion made by Sharyn Greening supported by Gary Miller to approve the April 5 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Report(s)

- **Pastor** – No report
- **Treasurer's Report** – Motion made by Gary Miller, supported by Ken Hill to transfer \$5000 from CEF to checking account. Motion carried unanimously. Treasurer Zeile presented the attached report. Spend approximately \$10,000 a month however only \$7,500 (approximate) is being contributed
- **Financial Secretary** – No Report
- **Boards:** **Board of Elders** – No report; **Board of Trustees** – Spring cleaning is set for June 4th; **Board of Christian Education** – VBS scheduled for June 20-24th, Sunday school ends June 5th; **Board of Evangelism** – Next meeting May 5th; **Board of Stewardship** – next meeting is May 31st at 7pm;
- **Organization and Committee Reports:** **Peace Lutheran Ladies Guild** – Banner for confirmation Sunday is being made; **Peace Youth Group** – No report.

Business:- **Thrivent Election** – Thrivent has asked to hold their elections at our church either November 6th or 13th. Motion made by Elder Elliott, supported by Gary Miller to support Thrivent and let the use the church for elections. Motion carried unanimously. Vern will discuss details with Dorothy; **Parking Lot** – Larry worked with someone to determine estimate cost of \$3,500 for both materials and tools; **Land-** Motion made by Elder Elliott and supported by Gary Miller to collect information from a Realtor. Motion carried unanimously.

General Comments: -No General Comments

Special Council Meeting:

- Motion made by Elder Elliott, supported by Elder Zeile to call a special council meeting to discuss budget matters further. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting set for May 16th at 7pm

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

- Motion made by Elder Elliott, supported by Gary Miller, adjourn at 8:40 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Elder Zeile closed with the Lord's Prayer and Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassie Tennant, Secretary

Synopsis of May 16, 2011 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Call To Order & Opening Prayer: – President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. Pastor Messer conducted the opening prayer. The following members were present: Carol Zeile, Dave Zeile, Chris Brown, Gary Miller, Sharyn Greening, Carolyn Johnson, Vern Jakolat, Larry Elliott, Ken Hill, and Cassie Tennant. Pastor Messer was also present.

Special Business: - Discussed financial situation of the church and that contributions aren't enough to cover budgeted needs. Council has cut all possible line items as far as they can go. So discussion was held to increase contributions and to bring in more. A letter was drafted to congregation members. Letter will be finalized at next regular scheduled council meeting on June 7th. Call for special voter's assembly meeting to be held on June 12th to discuss the details of the drafted letter. Elder Elliott contacted Mary to be put notice in the weekly bulletins and to be included in the June Newsletter.

General Comments - No comments

Adjournment & Closing Prayer: – Motion made by Cassie Tennant, supported by Gary Miller, adjourn at 8:47pm. Motion carried unanimously. Pastor Messer closed with the Lord's Prayer and Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassie Tennant, Secretary

PEACE NEWS & NOTES



PYG NEWS

<u>June</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Location</u>
	Bake Sale	6/25	9:00 am	1:00 pm	Alma Wal-Mart
	Pool/Firepit Party	6/25	3:00 pm	9:00 pm	Penzien's Home
	Fellowship	Sundays	10:45 am	11:15 am	Fellowship Hall

Greetings in Christ,

The main event for the Youth Group in June is a bake sale to help raise funds for attending Higher Things in 2012 on June 25. Anyone interested in assisting in making baked goods for this sale is welcomed and would be appreciated. Please contact Jonathan Penzien with any questions.

We will also be having a pool-firepit party later in the day at my home at 416 Olive Street, St. Louis. All Youth are welcome, bring a friend.

We will be working out details for both in our fellowship meetings during June.

Thanks again to everyone for your continued support of the Youth with our on-going fundraisers and for your time. We will be discontinuing the used cell phone collection, but will continue the pop can and Spartan label (UPC) collections.

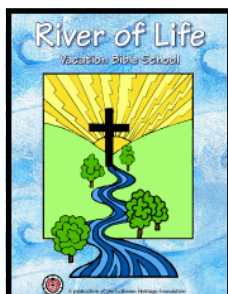
May the Spirit of the Lord be with you.
Jonathan Penzien

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 20-24

9:00 - 12:00

AGES 4-12



The two themes of VBS are Water and God's Plan of Salvation. Bible lessons, worship, music and crafts will help to reinforce the themes. We will also focus on how Christ, the Living Water, is being proclaimed to people who are thirsty for the Gospel in faraway lands.

See Sharyn Greening for any questions you may have.

SALT NEWS

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT CHURCH

Saturday June 11 at 6 pm

Board and Card Games provided for all ages along with snacks and a time for fellowship

CAMPING WEEKEND

July 15-17 Weekend

Wilson State Park in Harrison, MI

Saturday, July 16, is the day people are invited to come up and join us. We will have dinner at 5 pm. Bring a dish to pass, your own chairs, and drinks. Meat, plates, napkins and plastic ware will be provided. Any donations to defray the costs will be appreciated. For questions or directions, contact Andrea Elliott. Thanks!

LUGNUTS BASEBALL GAME

Sunday, August 14, 2:05 pm

Kids Day

See Postings for Info and Signup

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS is an ongoing outreach for the SALT Committee. If you know of a person in the armed forces who is serving abroad, please contact Carolyn Johnson (email ckj1969@yahoo.com or telephone 463-3052).

Check the SALT bulletin board for more info and announcements! SALT will meet during the summer as needed, resuming regular monthly meetings in September.

SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

The Church Council has decided to call a **Special Voters' Assembly** for June 12 after church to discuss budget concerns and arrive at possible solutions. We encourage all of our members to attend.

PEACE NEWS & NOTES CONT'D

Pregnancy Services of Gratiot County



Baby Bottle
Boomerang

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Ends Father's Day

Sunday, June 19

Please return your bottles filled with spare change, cash or check on Father's Day. This is a wonderful opportunity to support Pregnancy Services of Gratiot County and their many life affirming programs.

Pregnancy Services of Gratiot County is a faith based ministry that exists to affirm life by educating and supporting those who are facing unplanned pregnancies. Facilitating hope and healing for those who have experienced an abortion, and empowering unmarried individuals to choose a life of sexual integrity.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Will meet at noon on Monday, June 13 to carpool to Clare. We will have lunch at 1:30 pm at The Mulberry Café inside the Herrick House (a turn of the century Victorian home) in downtown Clare. Please see the menu posted with the signup sheet on our bulletin board. All ladies of Peace are welcome and also may invite a guest - someone without a church or someone living alone. Please enter your name on the signup list posted in Fellowship Hall. We have a wonderful time together. Please join us!

AUDIO OF DIVINE SERVICES

If you haven't heard by now, we are now recording our Sunday Divine Services. The primary reason for this is to take these recordings to our shut-ins each week, so that they can listen to them and join us from afar. But, we are also posting these recordings on our website so that anyone who wishes can listen to them anytime they want. Special thanks to Larry Elliott for setting this up for us. You can go to our website and click on the link "Worship" in the sidebar to listen. Check it out—pretty cool!

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

As summer approaches and the opportunity presents itself to get away for a weekend here and there, please keep in mind that we do have Divine Service every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. We celebrate the various Feast Days on our liturgical calendar during these Divine Services, so they're not the same as our Sunday Services, which means that you would be blessed to attend both each week, if possible. But, if you're going to miss on Sunday, our Wednesday Services offer you the opportunity to still hear the Gospel preached and receive the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood that week. They're shorter Services with spoken liturgy and a short homily, but they are a blessing to those who attend. You should check them out sometime!

TABLE TALK

Our Table Talks are informal and informative discussions with Pastor Messer on various topics decided by the group in attendance. Plus, THEY'RE FUN! Our next Table Talk will take place on **Friday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m.** We will gather around the campfire at Pastor Messer's house. Bring your own snacks and beverages if you wish. We hope you'll be able to join us!



Ladies Guild

Ladies Guild Meeting

Our Ladies' Guild is on hiatus for the months of June, July and August. Our next meeting will be **Monday, September 12, at 12:30 pm.** Hostess will be Lois Ramsey. All Ladies of the congregation are invited to attend our Guild meetings. If you are a confirmed female member of Peace, you are a member of Guild. We would sincerely encourage you to participate and be an active member of the Guild.

PLC Women's Prayer Chain

The current list is posted on the Ladies' Guild Bulletin Board. All participants should have a copy. If you wish to be added to the prayer chain as a caller, or if you wish to have yourself or someone else "sent through the chain," please see or call Marlene Miller at 463-3710.

Altar Flowers

There is a flower calendar for 2011 is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. We are now working toward ordering altar flower arrangements that coordinate with and enhance the liturgical colors of each Season of the Church year. Depending on the dates, flowers may not always be displayed for a calendar month. Some Seasons of the Church year cross calendar months. If you wish to place flowers on the altar sometime during the year, please put your name on the calendar and contact the church office with any information that you wish to have included in the bulletin. If there is a specific date in the month that commemorates an occasion, please also enter that date. A bouquet costs \$25. We encourage two persons (families) to purchase flowers each month, one for each plant stand. Please make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church, attach a note marked "Altar Flowers" and place in the Financial Secretary's envelope in the church office. Any questions may be directed to Carol Zeile. Thank you for helping to beautify our chancel.

PEACE LADIES GUILD COOKBOOK

Cookbooks are now available; price is \$13.00 and can be purchased during fellowship time from any member of the Guild. There are flyers available in the fellowship hall to be used for posting on bulletin boards at grocery stores, offices, and the like. You may use your phone number for contact information or Coaline's name and number. Questions, ask a member of the Guild.

LADIES GUILD ON THE WEB

Ladies Guild coffee hostesses, Altar Guild assignments and Ladies Guild events appear on the Peace website. See www.peacealma.org and click Ladies Guild.

PEACE LUTHERAN LADIES GUILD LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

For the next portion of the Lutheran World Relief project, the Ladies Guild is asking for your help in supplying the following personal care items:

hand towels
wash cloths
toothbrushes
combs (wide tooth)
metal nail files
nail clippers (w/file attached)
band aids (1/2 to 2/4 ")
soap (bath size bar)

Collection period: April 1 to June 30

LADIES GUILD SELLS CUTLERY

Rada cutlery is on display the 3rd Sunday of each month in the fellowship hall during the coffee hour. We have seven different items in stock: Paring Knife, Large Slicer Knife, Tomato Slicer, Serrated Steak Knife, Spatula, Pie Server, and Veggie Peeler. A product catalogue is available for viewing and orders may also be placed through the catalog.



June

C. Zeile/J. Harmon

July

Altar Care

Lois Ramsey

August

Andrea Elliott

Coffee Hostesses

5 Tina Schafer
12 Lois Ramsey
19 Peace Youth Group
26 S.Greening/M.Brown

3 Carol Zeile
10 Andrea Elliott
17 Dorothy Trgina
24 Mary Jakolat
31 Jenny Baughman

7 Gretchen Harrison
14 Cassie Tennant
21 M.Miller/C.Dargie
28 Y.Elenbaas/M.Girard



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT PEACE

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

- Sunday School (studying Sunday's Gospel) and Adult Bible Class (currently studying *Galatians*) is offered on **Sundays at 11 am.**

Together in the Word

- We meet every **Thursday at 10:00 am.** We will begin a study of *1 Samuel* on Thursday, June 9. All are welcome to join us!

Christian History 101

- Weekly Wednesday classes meet at 6 pm, followed by Divine Service at 7 pm (during Advent and Lent, class is at 5 pm).

First Communion and Confirmation Classes

- First Communion Classes take place as arranged (see Pastor Messer if interested); Confirmation Class will resume in September.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

JUNE

Happy Birthday to:

5 Marlene Miller	17 Georgia Spindler
8 Larry Elliott	17 Jo Wendt
8 Karla Greening	20 Helen Meyers
8 Justin Acosta-Arellano	20 Vivian Strom
9 Bill Harmon	21 Lois Ramsey
9 Miguel Ortiz	24 Andrea Elliott
12 Gary Miller	29 Susan Ortiz
13 Janet Isom	30 Bruce Bebow
14 Art Tennant	30 Terry Luplow
	30 Janice Sager

Happy Anniversary to:

2 Kenneth and Phyllis Hill
7 Michael and Gretchen Harrison
18 Gordon and Lucille Slick
24 Terry and Coaline Luplow

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

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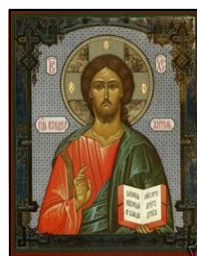


Thanks to Pam Winn (See Matthew 4:6)

03-18-2005

THINGS EASED UP ON GUARDIAN ANGELS AFTER AIR BAGS WERE INVENTED

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Check in from time to time to see what's on his mind.

PAROCHIAL REPORT

(as of 5/29/11)

Membership at Peace

Baptized - 134; Confirmed - 116

Sierra Luplow and Aaron Messer were Confirmed on May 22

Membership gains: 0

Membership losses: 0

Financial Report as of 5/29/2011

YTD Budgeted \$ 46,354.00











YTD Receipts..... \$ 37,252.05

Difference \$ - 9101.95

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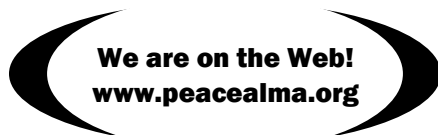
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June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6 pm - Christian History 7 pm - Div. Svc. <i>St. Justin, Martyr</i> 	2 10 am - Together in Word 7 pm - Divine Service Ascension of Our Lord  5 pm - WW	3	4 CLEANING DAY 10 am
5 <i>Exaudi (Easter 7)</i> 9:30 - Divine Service 10:45 - Fellowship 11:00 - BC,SS 	6 Winkel at Peace 7 pm - Church Council	7	8 6 pm - Christian History 7 pm - Divine Service <i>Feast of St. Barnabas (Obs.)</i> 	9 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers 7 pm - VBS Planning	10	11 FAMILY FUN NIGHT 6 pm Board and Card Games and snacks for all ages
12 <i>Pentecost (Whitsunday)</i> 9:30 - Divine Service 10:45 - Fellowship 11:00 - SPECIAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY 	13 1:30 pm - Lunch Bunch To Clare	14	15 6 pm - Christian History 7 pm - Divine Service <i>Pentecost Mon & Tues (Observed)</i> 	16 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers	17 7 pm - Table Talk Around the Campfire at Pastor Messer's house	18
19 <i>The Holy Trinity</i> 9:30 - Divine Service 10:45 - Fellowship 11:00 - BC,SS <i>Father's Day</i> 	20	21	22	23	24	25 PYG BAKE SALE 9 am - 1 pm Alma Wal-Mart
Vacation Bible School - 9-12 am, Monday-Friday						
			6 pm - Christian History 7 pm - Div. Svc. <i>Nativity of St. John the Baptist (Obs.)</i> 	5 pm - Weight Watchers		
26 <i>First Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:30 - Divine Service 10:45 - Fellowship 11:00 - BC,SS 	27 <small>Newsletter articles due</small>	28 7 pm - Stewardship	29 6 pm - Christian History 7 pm - Divine Service <i>St. Peter and St. Paul (Obs.)</i> 	30 10 am - Together in Word 5 pm - Weight Watchers	JULY 1	2

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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.

Serving in June

	ELDERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETERS
June				
2 - 7:00 pm (Feast of the Ascension)	Larry Elliott	Aaron Messer	Vern Jakolat	
5 - 9:30 am (Exaudi - Easter 7)	Miguel Ortiz	Paige Harwager Melanie Penzien	Gary Miller Jonathan Penzien	Dorothy Trgina
12 - 9:30 am (Pentecost - Whitsunday)	Terry Luplow	Morgan Johnson Samantha Messer	James Sager Daren Johnson	LeRoy and Maxine Isaksson
19 - 9:30 am (The Holy Trinity)	Miguel Ortiz	Sierra Luplow Natalie Penzien	Kevin Sellke Phillip Schafer	Terry and Coaline Luplow
26 - 9:30 am (Trinity 1)	David Zeile	Myka Luplow Paige Harwager	Miguel Ortiz Gary Miller	Lillian Manns Lois Ramsey
July				
3 - 9:30 am (Trinity 2)	Larry Elliott	Melanie Penzien Aaron Messer	John Lemmermann Vern Jakolat	Lisa Messer and Family

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