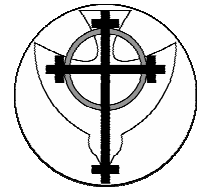


The Peace Post



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



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR MESSER

"For You! - A Higher Things Youth Conference"

I have been to many youth conferences and retreats in my day, but none of them even comes close to comparing to the recent Higher Things "For You" Conference I attended in Minneapolis with Jon Penzien, Anna Brostrom, and five of our youth (Sarah and Samantha Messer, Lauren and Melanie Penzien, and Rebekah Rodriguez).

Having been a huge fan of Higher Things since the organization began in 2001, my expectations were very high. They were met, and then some!

It is hard to say what impressed me the most, simply because I was thoroughly impressed with every aspect of the conference. But, if I had to choose, it was the worship services. They were outstanding, simply Divine! No praise bands singing contemporary Christian rock songs. No motivational pep-talks. No gimmicks to incite emotions. Just straight liturgy and hymnody from the LSB hymnal and faithful, Law and Gospel preaching from every pastor who preached. All nine of the services (2 Divine Services, 2 Matins, 2 Vespers, and 3 Evening Prayer) were beautifully done and truly awe-inspiring. And, here's the really neat part—the kids loved it!

Each night, our group would gather together to discuss the events of the day. It

was wonderful to hear our youth talk about how much they appreciated the worship services. They were truly impressed, especially with the beautiful Evening Prayer services each night, which included the burning of incense upon the altar. They all expressed how they thought that was "awesome!" They thought all of the worship services were awesome, but "that incense thing was very cool!"

The catechesis at the conference was equally impressive. Rev. Todd Wilken and Rev. Bill Cwirla led the plenary sessions (daily group sessions which everyone attended) and did a wonderful job. What impressed me the most was that their catechesis (teaching) was not "dumbed down" for the youth. That's not to say that they didn't recognize their audience and teach the youth in a way that they could understand. They did. They employed appropriate anecdotal materials and relevant current events to which the youth could relate, but the catechesis was both solid and thorough.

The same can be said for all of the In-Depth and Breakaway Sectionals. The In-Depth Sectionals were three-session workshops. There were ten to choose from and you chose one and attended it each day during the conference. The Breakaway Sectionals were single workshops. There were five Breakaway Sectionals to attend during the conference and ten or more to choose from each time. All of the In-Depth and Breakaway Sectionals attended by the members in our group were excellent. Some were better than others, but they were all both solid and thorough.

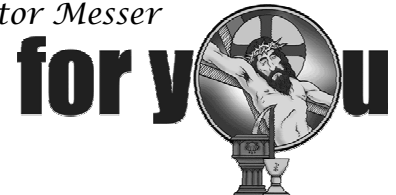
In addition to the beautiful worship and

solid catechesis at the conference, there were also opportunities to simply have fun. We went to a comedy show, karaoke club, minor league baseball game, and, of course, the Mall of America.

The slogan for Higher Things is "Dare to be Lutheran!" The governing principle for their conferences is, "We worship when we worship, work when we work, and play when we play." Having attended this conference, I can honestly say that Higher Things truly practices what it preaches. I could not have been more impressed, and I cannot wait until next year! I hope and pray that more of our youth will attend!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Messer



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Reflections from Our Youth about Higher Things



Our experience began with an 11 hour car ride. Well, it was supposed to be 11 hours. It took us more like 13! Let's just say we spent a lot of time where we probably didn't need to be. Oh well, it wasn't as bad as it sounds.

When we got there, we checked into our rooms and unpacked before going to our first worship service. Then we went to Divine Service. It was an absolutely beautiful service! Over 1,100 people singing the liturgy and hymns. It gave me goosebumps! Everyone received Holy Communion, and they didn't even have individual cups. But, after the Service, which was like every other day, we broke away and went to one of three options: In-Depth sessions, Breakaway sessions, or Plenary session.

The In-Depth session was one session that we went to every day with the same instructor, that way we could spend a lot of time on one subject. The Breakaway sessions were 45-minute sessions that you got to pick at the beginning of each day. You had a choice of about 9 or 10 each day and you could break away from your group if you wanted to. The Plenary sessions were sessions that everyone attended together. These were my personal favorite out of the sessions. Of course, somewhere in there you went to lunch and dinner, too.

Then, we either had free time or some fun activity that they had scheduled for us. And then, at the end of the day, we went to Evening Prayer. These Services were my favorite. They were just as pretty as Divine Service. They burned incense upon the altar and everyone could smell it within a few minutes of them lighting it. It was very cool!

I learned a lot from this experience. The worship was beautiful and all of the sessions taught me something about my Lutheran faith and I thought that was really cool. I am very excited to go back next year and hope that more people will come. If you would ask me my opinion about going, I would strongly recommend it!

God bless all of you!

Sarah Messer



FOR YOU! That's all we heard at the Higher Things Youth Gathering, and how great a phrase is that! Jesus did everything **FOR YOU**. He was born, he died, and he was raised, **FOR YOU**. Jesus didn't come for himself, he was selfless and came for others—**FOR YOU!**

Although many people picture Jesus as this nice clean guy, lovable, and friendly, he wasn't. That is the most important thing I learned while there. Jesus isn't our best friend. He's our Savior. He had few friends because of the message he came to proclaim, that we are sinners who can't help ourselves, but need him. It may not be a very popular message, but it's what the week was all about, and it's the one that hit me the hardest.

I had a great time at the gathering, and I thank everyone who supported us, and made it possible for us to go. I learned a lot, and had fun in the process. It was an unforgettable experience that I think about daily. The services were breathtaking, the lessons were noteworthy, and playtime... enjoyable. I came closer to everyone on this trip, and I hope to keep the connection, and hopefully I can go to Higher Things again sometime, whether as a chaperone or not. For more details, see the Youth Board at church in the Fellowship Hall where there is a more detailed explanation of the trip, as well as pictures from it.

God Bless,
Lauren Penzien





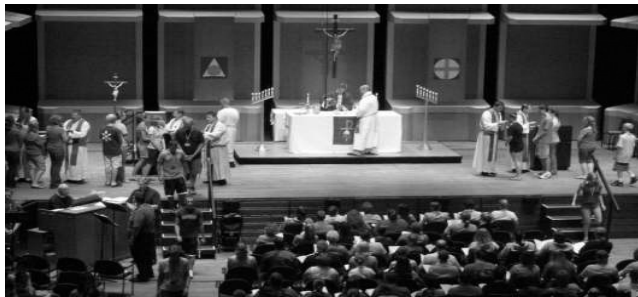
Reflections from Our Youth about Higher Things



Higher Things was a very exciting and informative trip. It was an excellent combination of fun, work, and worship. There were many workshops to choose from for the week and every one I went to was very informative. My favorite workshop was titled, "Christology in the Movies." This one was entertaining and still very informative.

Everything about Higher Things was very memorable. I learned too much to just select one thing. The only thing I can say about Higher Things is something they said all week, when we played, we played, when we worked, we worked, and when we worshiped, we worshiped.

Melanie Penzien

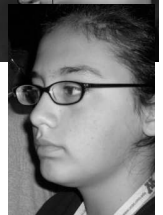


Higher Things was a lot different than Youth Quake. At Higher Things, we had fun when we had fun, we worshiped when we worshiped, and studied when we studied. At Youth Quake, everything was made to be fun, including worship and study. So, you might have more fun at Youth Quake, but you don't learn very much at all. At Higher Things, we had lots of fun, but still learned a lot about our Christian faith. It was very cool!

My favorite part of Higher Things was making a friend at one of the classes. Also, the classes were great and I really did learn a lot. The worship services were awesome. When you worship at Higher Things, you know it's worship! Also, they had a cool night when everyone went to this building with karaoke, an arcade, and Comedy Sportz.

Besides the ride there and back, the Higher Things conference was awesome and I learned a lot, and can't wait to go next year!

Samantha Messer



About a month ago, I had just got back from a conference that was being held in Minnesota. It took us a long time to get there, but when we finally got there, it was worth it. We got to stay at the University of Minnesota in Middlebrook Hall. We stayed in the dorms. It was a very big campus.

The conference was called "For You" and was put on by Higher Things. During the conference, there were sessions we got to take and "Breakaways." The classes were in different parts of the campus.

One of the sessions I took was called, "Ancient Rergitations: Countering the Cults." This class taught us about Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, and Wiccans, and I learned a lot about these cults, like what they believe in, who they believe in, and what they do. I took other sessions, but this one was my favorite.

When we went to worship services, they were held at the Ted Mann Concert Hall, which was very cool. The altar was beautiful. I loved the worship and learned a lot.

While we were there, we also did some fun things that happened in between the sessions. We went to Coffman Memorial Union Hall where they had karaoke, food courts, and a huge college bookstore. While we were inside that area, there was a comedy show called Comedy Sportz, where some of the students did little games that include comedy, sort of like improv. We also went to a baseball game at Midway Park. It rained, but it was a great game. Last, but not least, the Mall of America! On the last day, we went to the Mall of America and it was the best ever. It has 3 floors and all the amusement park-like rides. It has a Lego World where the whole store is made of Legos! After that, we headed home.

Attending this conference was the funnest part of my summer!!

Rebekah Rodriguez

**PEACE RALLY DAY CHURCH PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
1:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.
AT PASTOR MESSER'S HOUSE**

FOOD:

**Burgers, Dogs, Brats, and pasta salad
will be provided. Other side dishes,
snacks, and desserts will be pot-luck, so
plan on bringing something yummy!**

BEVERAGES:

**Bring your own (beer and wine are fine,
but please no hard liquor)**

FUN:

**Horseshoes, volleyball, swimming, and
other activities; or, just sit, relax, and
enjoy the company of your brothers and
sisters in Christ**

WHAT TO BRING:

**A side dish to pass, your own beverages,
lawn chairs, and swimsuit (if you want
to swim)**

**Come and join us for a fun-filled day of
fellowship! Hope to see you there!**

**Directions to Pastor Messer's house: Take M46
West to Rich Rd. (about 3 miles west of Alma).
Turn right onto Rich Rd. and Pastor Messer's
house is the third one on the left (8155 N. Rich
Rd.).**



**SECOND TIME
AROUND SALE**

Our Second Time Around sale took place at the church August 16-18. It was a HUGE SUCCESS! We made over \$900.00 for our S.A.L.T. committee, which is very excited to put this money to use! This far exceeded our expectations! We had more customers than we ever dreamed, many of whom were happy to find the deals we offered. We were also able to put information about our church into their hands.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who donated items to be sold, and to all who worked so hard to organize and sell the items. We will definitely run this sale again next year and hope that it will be even more successful!

Thanks again,
The S.A.L.T. Committee

SEMINARY CLOTHING DONATIONS

We are collecting clothing (including shoes, coats, blankets, linens, towels, and other small household items) to be donated to the Clothing Co-op at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. Those who wish to donate need to have their clothing bagged and at the church by **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**. Pastor Messer will be attending the St. Michael Liturgical Conference at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne on Monday, September 24, and he will drop off our donation to the seminary while down there. Due to the financial constraints of attending seminary, many seminarians and their families rely on the clothing co-op, so please consider donating to this important cause. Please refrain from donating torn or badly stained or worn-out items. Thanks in advance for your participation!



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 Luplow.

ADULT CHOIR

We will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 23 at 8:30 am and continue for the following Sundays at the same time. we encourage all ages confirmation and older to join us and help us to serve our congregation with learning new liturgy and hymns, and having fun working on anthems. There will

be no weekly practices this year, at least at this point. We will only meet on Sunday mornings. Contact Mary Jakolat, 463-3607, if you have questions.



Choir Practice

PYG NEWS

September Events:

Rally Day - Sept. 9

Monthly Meeting - Sept. 23 - Noon—2:00 pm

Greetings in Christ.

Welcome back from the summer break. I look forward to seeing everyone return and a special welcome to all our new members.

Remember, all youth of Peace in the 6th grade and higher are members of the Youth group. Please join us in our activities and become active members.

Our Higher Things, ‘For You’ convention this summer was a wonderfully Christ-centered event. We will be discussing this and setting up fund-raising projects to target attending next year’s ‘Amen’ convention in June.

Please join us weekly for the reception of the Lord’s gifts of his Word and Sacrament, in service and in study in Sunday School. And don’t forget to join us in fellowship and refreshments during fellowship hour.

May the Spirit of the Lord be with you.

Jonathan Penzien

Additional Reflection from Higher Things

“For You” was the ‘Higher Things’ youth conference held this year in Minnesota and North Carolina. We attended the conference located at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, and it was a very good experience. The conference was very well structured, keeping to the ‘Higher Things’ drive to separate worship, work and play. There were worship services three times a day, where a different pastor would give the sermons. All of the sermons had to do with the theme topic, “For You”, and it was nice to hear a variety of takes on the subject. There were also in-depth (three 45 min. periods) and breakaway (one 45 min. period) sessions for us to attend, covering many different topics. I really enjoyed the in-depth session on cults that I chose to attend and looked forward to it each day. I also enjoyed the breakaway sessions I attended, especially one on evolution, which I would like to have seen as an in-depth session. The rest of our ‘work’ time was spent in plenary (catechesis) sessions, which were done very well, and nothing like I expected. The two pastors who did these sessions did a great job of presenting information in a relevant way, talking about what and who Jesus really is, as opposed to how the world views him. They also had some fun events set up for the little bit of free time we had. We were able to attend a minor league baseball game, and they had a night in the student union, which included bowling, pool, karaoke and even a comedy team. Overall the ‘Higher Things’ conference was a very good and worthwhile experience for all who attended, and I hope that we are able to continue sending our youth each year!

Anna Brostrom



Synopsis of August 7, 2007 Church Council Minutes

Date: August 7, 2007

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Call To Order & Opening Prayer - President Jakolat called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. Don Reithel conducted the opening prayer. The following members were present: Vern Jakolat, Megan Brown, Carol Zeile, Don Reithel, Bill Brostrom, Sharyn Greening, Dick Kohler. The following members were absent: Miguel Ortiz, Coaline Luplow, Larry Elliott. Pastor Messer was also absent.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - Motion made by Treasurer Zeile, supported by Councilmember Kohler to approve the minutes from the meeting of July 10, 2007 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Report(s) - The following reports were presented: Treasurer, Board of Trustees, Board of Christian Education, Board of Stewardship, Budget & Finance Committee.

Business - Discussion of Phone Bill and Costs - Treasurer Zeile presented information regarding the costs associated with long distance and an 800 number for the Church's phone service. Motion made by Don Reithel, supported by Councilmember Brostrom to remove long distance and the 800 number from the Church's phone service. Motion carried unanimously.

General Comment

Councilmembers were reminded to check the master calendar before events are scheduled at the Church. The nominating committee consisting of Pastor Messer, President Jakolat, and Councilmembers Zeile and Brostrom will be meeting to discuss the upcoming elections for the following positions: President, Financial Secretary, one (1) elder, two (2) trustees, member of the Board of Christian Education. President Jakolat has been approached by members regarding practices and policies within the Church.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

Motion made by Secretary Brown, supported by Councilmember Greening to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. The Lord's Prayer was used for the closing prayer.

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,
Megan Brown, Secretary

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2008

Election of officers will be held at the October 28, 2008 Voters Assembly. We are asking for nominations from the members for the following offices:

President
Board of Elders (1 spot to fill)
Board of Trustees (2 spots to fill)
Board of Education (1 spot to fill)



The Nominating Committee will be meeting during September and October, prior to the voters assembly, to review the nominations. Please submit any names to be considered to the nominating committee: Vern Jakolat, Dave Zeile, Bill Brostrom or Pastor.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

We will begin their fall season on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**. We are choosing a Thursday this time to allow those who are unable to attend on Tuesdays to have an opportunity to join us. We will meet at 1:30 at JJ Ruby's on Old 27 near Ithaca. A sign-up sheet is posted on the S.A.L.T. bulletin board. Will talk about October's meeting and may be able to plan another short trip before the weather becomes a problem. All women of the congregation are invited. Please join us!



Ladies' Lunch Bunch

LADIES & ALTAR GUILD INFO

- **LADIES GUILD MEETING:** Guild meets the Monday, **September 10 - 7:00 pm.** **Hostess:** Sharyn Greening. 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:** September - Beth Brostrom; October - Carol Zeile; November - Cheryl Henry/Carol Durst.
- **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:



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

November

4 - Dorothy Trgina
11 - Gretchen Harrison
18 - Marlene Wiltshire
25 - Helen Meyers/
Maxine Isaksson

"Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, managing all of life and life's resources for God's purpose."



Dear Friends in Christ,

God calls us to be His stewards. He continually calls us to offer ourselves to Him and His work. We were created by God for God and our purpose is to let our lives be an offering, a contribution to others in the name of Christ.

Therefore, the Stewardship committee has committed itself to gather Stewardship commitments of Time, Talent and Treasure from each confirmed member of Peace Lutheran Church, which we would like to distribute on Sunday, September 9, 2007. The committee will collect both sheets during the Divine Service on Sunday, September 30, 2007.




We are asking you to be accountable for growth and spiritual maturity as God's steward. Please prayerfully consider all items on the survey sheet and the faith offering commitment form.

God's blessings on your continued faithful stewardship of the many blessings He has entrusted to your care.

Yours in Christ,
The Stewardship Committee

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. **Next S.A.L.T. Meeting will be held Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m.** All are welcome to join us!
2. **Announcing “Bring a Friend to Church Sunday”** - We have set aside **Sunday, October 7** as “Bring a Friend to Church Sunday.” What is this? It’s just like it sounds. We invite and encourage all Peace members to bring a friend to Church with them on this Sunday. We will have special fellowship time after church to welcome all guests, and we’ll invite any who are interested to stay for a special informational session led by Pastor Messer. Look for info about this exciting day posted around the Church and in upcoming Service bulletins. We hope all will participate!
3. **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!
4. **Advent Tea: Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m.** We are still looking for hostesses for this event. A sign up sheet is posted on the S.A.L.T. bulletin board. 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.
5. **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, September 2**. 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!
6. **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.



PEACE MOVIE NIGHT RETURNS! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

(New day due to football)

Meet at the church at 5:00 p.m.

The Last Mimzy will show at 5:30 p.m.

Night at the Museum will show at 7:30 p.m.

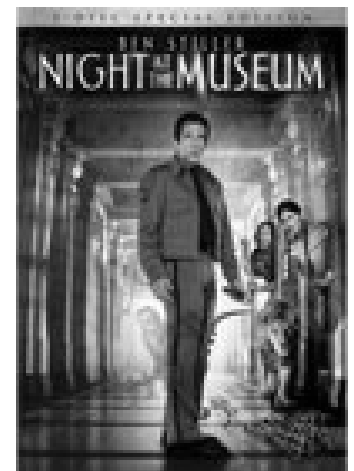
Come for one movie or both!

Pizza, chips, and pop provided courtesy of S.A.L.T.

Bring your own snacks if you wish

Bring your own comfy chairs if you wish

A freewill offering will be collected to support future movie nights. Hope to see you there!





SUMMARY OF 2007 RELAY FOR LIFE



Congratulations everyone on a super effort in this year's Gratiot county Relay for Life.

Earlier this week, our campaign chairperson, Jayne Norris, announced that the total dollars raised to date was, drum roll please, \$103,583.50. This is truly an astounding accomplishment, especially in view of our present economy; Gratiot County has not raised more than \$100,000.00 in quite a few years.

In addition, the Peace Lutheran Church team raised a total of \$4,730.00, which exceeded last year's total by almost \$500.00. Our Chicken Barbecue was quite successful, we sold over 200 dinners and, after expenses, made over \$1,000.00. With all fund-raising efforts, we were also able to obtain the full grant allotted by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans of \$1,440.00 which is included in the total referenced above.

Many of you expressed appreciation in being a partner in this worthwhile effort and indicated interest to participate again next year, which by the way, will be held at Alma High School starting Friday, August 8 thru Saturday August 9, 2008. **PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR 2008 CALENDAR!** Some of you also expressed interest to become more involved and let me be the first to tell you that you will get your wish!!

This year, I was asked to be in charge of the Public Relations for the Gratiot County Relay for Life, plus Co-chair of the event - what this means is that I will have one more year of Co-chair and then it appears, I may be the Chairperson for a two-year term. (I really need to learn that word—NO)!! The reason I am sharing this information with you is that IF we (congregational members of Peace, Alma and Immanuel, Wheeler) decide to participate to the same, or a greater extent in 2008, I will need some assistance with some of the leadership of the various aspects of next year's campaign. Please prayerfully consider if this is your calling - no pressure, but look at this as an OPPORTUNITY!!!

I wanted to leave you with one last thought regarding the tee shirts given you as a member of our team.

The front of each shirt was designed by artist Michael Bartalos and he stated that this Relay for Life commemorative artwork intends to promote the positive spirit of the event and what it represents:

Hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten,
That those who face cancer will be supported,
And one day cancer will be eliminated.

The "Bird of Hope" arrives bearing the Cancer Awareness Ribbon to promote the fight against the disease, and the two figures represent the Relay's diverse participation base: male and female; walkers and runners; newcomers and veterans. The inclusion of both the moon and the sun represent round-the-clock activities that take place at Relay for Life events. Michael Bartalos was proud that his design could contribute to the American Cancer Society's efforts and to this important event in particular.

Once again, thank you for your individual efforts to make this one of the most successful American Cancer Society's Relay for Life that Gratiot County has ever experienced.

Don Reithel

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT PEACE

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

- Sunday School reconvenes on **Rally Day—Sunday, September 9 at 11:00 a.m.** There will be four Sunday School Classes this year (Pre-K-2nd Grade; 3rd-5th Grade; 6th-8th Grade; 9th-12th Grade).
- Adult Bible Class is offered **every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.** for all adult members of Peace and guests. We are currently engaged in a detailed study of **Revelation**.

Youth Confirmation Class

- Youth Confirmation Class will reconvene at the end of September (class day and time yet to be determined). There will be a meeting for all confirmands and their parents on **Sunday, September 16 at Noon**.

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* will resume in September. Day and time of class to be determined by students.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

3 - Marion Greening
3 - John Isaksson
5 - Lisa Messer
6 - Marissa Byers
11 - Maxine Isaksson
12 - Josh Schafer
13 - Vern Jakolat

14 - Kim Penzien
17 - Susan Reithel
18 - Edward Rosalez
20 - Brenda Stroven
23 - Dave Zeile
23 - Tim Gustavison, Sr.

Happy Anniversary to:

4 - Jo & Bob Wendt
8 - Mary & Vern Jakolat
12 - Brenda & Brian Stroven
19 - Janice & Jim Sager
30 - Christine & Ovidio Figueroa



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



EUCHRE NIGHT!

Euchre night will resume on **FRIDAY, September 21 at 6:30 pm.** There will be a sign-up sheet on the S.A.L.T. bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to come and have fun playing the great game of euchre. Please bring a refreshment to pass and a friend. See you there!



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, September 13 at 7:00 p.m.** at the church. All are invited to attend! Hope to see you there!

PAROCHIAL REPORT

(As of August 30)

Membership at Peace

Baptized - 189; Confirmed - 149

Official Acts: 1

Confirmation of Shawnna Greening

Membership gains: 1

Shawnna Greening (confirmed 8/26/07)

Membership losses: 0

Financial Report



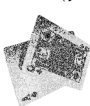
YTD Receipts: \$59,811.72

Budgeted YTD: \$67,830.00

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 26 <i>12th Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC	August 27	August 28 9:30—Together in the Word	August 29	August 30 5:00 pm—WW	August 31	1
2 <i>13th Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC	3 	4 9:30—Together in the Word 7:00—Council Meeting	5	6 5:00 pm—WW	7	8 9:00—Elders Mtg.
9 <i>14th Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC, SS 1:00—Peace Church Picnic	10 7:00 - Ladies Guild Hostess: S. Greening	11 9:30—Together in the Word	12 7:00 - Stewardship Meeting	13 5:00 pm - WW 7:00—Table Talk 	14	15 12:30 - Secret Pall Lunch-con
16 <i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i> 8:00—Elders Meeting 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC, SS 12:00—Confirmation Mtg.	17	18 9:30—Together in the Word	19	20 1:30 - Ladies Lunch Bunch @JJ Ruby's 5:00 pm—WW 7:00—S.A.L.T. Mtg.	21 6:30 - Euchre 	22
23 <i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i> 8:30—Choir Rehearsal 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC, SS 12:00—PYG Mtg.	24 <div>Pastor @ Ft. Wayne Conference</div>	25 9:30—Together in the Word	26 DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER PEACE POST	27 5:00 pm—WW	28	29 5:00—Peace Movie Night Double Feature: <i>The Last Ninny & Night at the Museum</i> (see info on p. 5)
30 <i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i> 8:30—Choir Rehearsal 9:30—Divine Service 10:45—Fellowship 11:00—BC, SS	October 1 7:00 - Ladies Guild Hostess:	October 2 NO Together in the Word— <i>Pastor at Winkler</i> 7:00 - Council Meeting	October 3	October 4 5:00—WW	October 5	October 6

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>	<u>ELDER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
SEPTEMBER					
2 - 9:30 am	Jessica Oswald Lauren Penzien	Beth Brostrom	Don Reithel	Miguel Ortiz Burt Henry	Vern & Mary Jakolat
9 - 9:30 am	Jordan Henry Sarah Messer	Mary Jakolat	Larry Elliott	James Sager Bill Hendrick	Dave & Carol Zeile
16 - 9:30 am	Tyrel Harwager Melanie Penzien	Beth Brostrom	Terry Luplow	Chris Brown Bill Brostrom	Jenny Baughman & family
23 - 9:30 am	Samantha Messer Kelsey Gensler	Mary Jakolat	Dave Zeile	Vern Jakolat Jon Penzien	Jeannette Bigelow/ Lois Miller
30 - 9:30 am	CJ Oswald Phillip Schafer	Beth Brostrom	Don Reithel	Curt Oswald Miguel Ortiz	Charlotte Dargie/ Gary & Marlene Miller
OCTOBER					
7 - 9:30 am	Lauren Penzien Jordan Henry	Mary Jakolat	Larry Elliott	Burt Henry	Bill & Beth Brostrom

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

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