

Peace LUTHERAN

A man had two sons...

The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me." So he divided his wealth between them. Luke 15:11-12

Jesus is found among a growing crowd of sinners and tax collectors, coming near Him to listen to Him. He is also among a growing crowd of critics, the religious, the scribes and teachers of the law who scoff at Jesus' apparent lack of decorum, "This man receives sinners and eats with them" (Luke 15:2).

Jesus, at the beginning of these traveling stories found in Luke 9-19, has already dealt with the internal tensions and tendencies to polarize and divide, to define those who are "in" and those who are "not". He rebukes the disciples' arguments of who among them is the greatest, their desire to monitor who can and cannot cast out demons in Jesus' name because, "they are not with us", and James' and John's desire to call down fire on those who do not gladly welcome them (cf. Luke 9:46-56).

Not much has changed in the past two millennia. When left to ourselves, we are always pitting one against the other. Whether it is an ideology or a cause; whether it is a sporting event or an attempt at civil discussion around a contentious topic, we wind up in competition, desiring to win rather than to be one. And now as these two seemingly disparate groups gather around him — the sinners and the religious — Jesus turns to a story to quell the rising tensions, "A man had two sons." A single sentence powerfully reveals the Father's perspective: "A man had two sons." Two groups, seen not as enemies, not two factions, but of a single household, two sons of the same Father, brothers, not enemies, oneness, not winning.

Oneness does not imply there is no right and wrong. The two 'sons' Jesus inserts in the story are the sinners and tax collector and the religious 'right'. Both have distanced themselves from the Father: the younger geographically, the elder relationally. They both squander what the Father has given them: the younger on loose living the elder by neglect. Jesus, confronted by the muttering of the elders sons — the religious and pious — refuses to succumb to taking sides or setting up a competition.

A man had two sons... what a powerful way to bring those with differing backgrounds, opinions, causes, and lifestyles into a unified posture. How quickly, the father is willing to give each their share — though if they simply remain in the household, all that the father has belongs to them. Jesus reveals our Father who sees us: all the good, the bad, the broken, the rebellion, and with compassion not condemnation, comes for us with embracing compassion. Jesus reveals our Father willing to leave the 99 — the celebration of the return of the younger son — coming out to plead with us when we are filled with resentment and disappointment and ignorance, reminding us that we are part of the household all along and wanted by the Father to join in the celebration.

When we gather weekly for worship, it is the Father who has never lost sight of us, who welcomes us. We return through words of confession, singing praises, hearing His Word. Our Father calls us to the table to be clothed with the body and blood of Christ, and reminds of the company of saints, the family to which we belong. The Father fills us with His Spirit as we are sent into the not so distant lands of our homes and neighborhoods. As beloved and belonging daughters and sons we are called to see others with our Father's embracing compassion and prepare for many celebrations to come.

Pastor Jon





YEEHAW – HayDay VBS was awesome!



Children and families learned Jesus is their friend!



**Fun Hayrides
with “Farmers Ken & Rita”**



HayDay VBS 2nd Chance Ranch Rescue was here with their petting zoo.



Bunnies, guinea pigs, banty & silkie chickens!



E-Dee, a sweet 11-day old calf having a snooze.



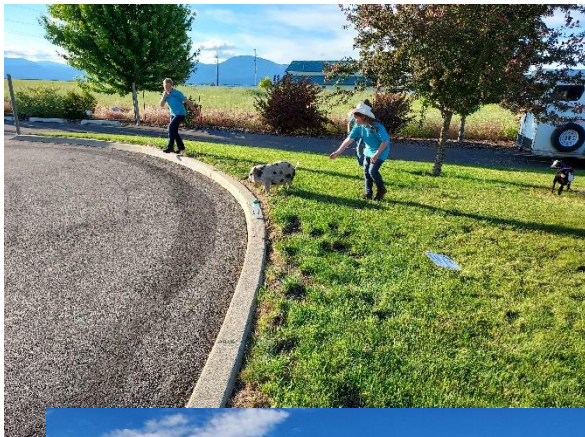
Raymond, a blind rooster – he is so lovely!

Llama, Alpaca, and humans all having a nice lie down!



Even big kids like to pet the animals!

Oh no! Polly the pig escaped!



Paisley Mae, a baby lamb, so fluffy!



Miniature horse and a Jerusalem donkey (with cross on its back!)

Financial Summary for Jun 2022 Submitted by Lynn Affeldt, Jul 12, 2022

Jun Balance Sheet

Ministry & Facility Fund	\$ 50,022	
All Designated Funds	<u>\$ 77,372</u>	
Total Mt West Checking	\$127,374	
Thrivent Mortgage Balance	\$283,691	\$286,170 (May)

Jun Income & Expense

Actual Giving	\$ 27,140	(Plan for Giving \$19,743)
Actual Expense	\$ 20,771	

YTD Income & Expense: (Jan-Jun 2022)

Actual Giving	\$140,029	(Plan for Giving \$118,462)
Actual Expense	\$114,196	

Jun Designated Funds: Income Expense Fund Balance

Memorial Fund	0	0	\$ 6,784
Emergency Fund	0	0	\$10,000
Refresh Team	0	0	\$ 339
Good Samaritan Fund	0	0	\$ 1,876
Sabbatical Fund (accrual)	100	0	\$ 4,200
Reception/Kitchen Fund	0	0	\$ 1,516
Campership Fund	0	0	\$ 3,087
Dorcas Fund	40	0	\$ 1,520
Youth Fund	0	0	\$ 5,266
Uganda Fund (\$300 accrual)	300	0	\$20,271
Other Misc Designated	20	1,030	\$ 3,367
Scholarship Fund	0	1,000	\$ 50
Internship Fund	0	0	\$ 243
Capital Fund	0	0	\$10,350
Signage	0	0	\$ 7,500
Safety Team	0	0	\$ 1,004



Let's build our Capital Fund for the future! Contributions can be made at any time. Simply memo your check!
Are you a Thrivent member? Check on your Choice Dollars and donate to Peace or a charity of your choice!

It's a rough ride out back brush mowing, but Rick Straub recently rose to the occasion twice to keep overgrowth at bay!

Kudos to Jennifer Murray for VBS decorating, setting up registration, and lining up the chickens for VBS!
Grateful thanks to ALL our wondrous VBS volunteers that served in many areas!!

Volunteers delivered 50+ lbs to the food bank in July – thank you for donations!

We hope you took a peek at our new easy to use and attractive website. Go to peace-lutheran.church/
Thanks a gazillion for this fresh new look and to website builders, Pastor Jon and Karen Robison!

Nadia Bruno is moving Aug 1 from Hayden to Post Falls. Any help available? Please call her 208-667-8350.

About 25 folks attended the Spokane Indians game! Thanks to Tom Robison for organizing this fun outing!

Kitchen Needs: Just paper towels please!!

Last Call: A specially designed silver brooch was found after worship on June 5 (Liberty Quartet Sun). Call us to claim.
We have also been holding onto a lovely marcasite ring since last year. Is it yours? Please let us know.

Appetizers & Apologetics - Continuing Alternating Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Research indicates less than 10% of Christian share the Gospel with one person over the course of the year. This indicates 90% of Christians do not share the Gospel annually. Three common fears are cited for this silence:

1. Fear of man and man's rejection
2. Fear of personal ability and knowledge
3. Fear of tough follow-up questions

We are not to have a spirit of fear (2 Timothy 1:7). Yet we are to fear (respect, obey, keep covenant) God rather than man (Acts 5:29) and He has instructed us to share His good news (Mark 16:15). We are to trust that the Spirit will direct us in what to say (Matthew 10:19). And we are to recognize that the Triune God does the *saving*, we only have to do the *saying*. We are to be *present* and *proclaim* the Gospel, not attempt to *persuade*, as that is the work of the Spirit.

Come learn with us:

August 10th - The Universe and the Love of God

August 24th - Reaching the Lost and Overcoming the Fears of Evangelism

Bring an appetizer to share, a notebook and your Bible.

If you are unable to attend these sessions and are interested in Apologist Charlie Campbell's videos, check out [his website](#) for his full offerings and contact Karen to borrow access to his video resource library on usb drive.

Summer Study Groups

KidZone: Biblical activities, good music, and fun crafts for children during the service with the KidZone team.

Wed Bible Study: Pastor Gail continues a study of the Gospels at 10 am, currently in Matthew. You may arrive early at 9:45 to share prayer concerns and pray together before the study begins – *stop in any time during this study!*

Wed Apps & Apologetics: Join us alternating Weds at 6 pm for Charlie Campbell videos and great discussion!

Jr & Sr Youth: The youth will huddle up on the 1st & 3rd Wed of the month for alternating campfire locations, 7 pm. Check in with Pastor Jon about the details!

Fun First Friday: A young adult gathering with food, fun, games. Date change to **Sat, Aug 6**, at Carlsons – *see below!*

Youth & Young Adults Day at the Lake: Saturday, August 6th from 11:00 am to ?

All youth and young adults are welcome to come and fellowship together enjoying beautiful Hauser Lake at Ken & Bernita Carlson's home! There will be water sports, boating activities and all kinds of fun in the sun! Bring your sunscreen, friends and favorite snacks! RSVP to Pastor Jon and to arrange carpooling!

Family Promise Week

We are excited to be involved again with Family Promise this month on **Aug 14-21**. Perhaps we'll see our previous guests again. Our Men's Group will serve up a tasty breakfast on Sat morning when guests are able to leave later.

As before, please use our MealTrain site at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/w7ezqe> to donate items or volunteer as the date approaches. If you would like to make a monetary donation to support Family Promise at PLC, your gift will be used during hosting weeks. Please make your check only to Peace and please remember to memo FP on your check – *thank you!*

Calling All Singers to MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!!

August is here, and that means it is time to "gear up" and get ready for this fall's choir season. Let's plan to gather on Wednesday, Sep 7, at 6 pm to get start practicing some beautiful music. If any of you wonderful congregational singers would like to join the choir for fun, fellowship, and another way to praise our Lord, you will be MOST WELCOME! We have strong singers who would be glad to help you if you are unsure of your abilities. When we put our voices together, we can indeed "make a joyful noise unto the Lord"!!! For more information, please call Ruth Clark at 208-446-8509.

Hello all!

I realize that this is getting to be "short notice," but Zion Lutheran in Deary, Idaho, is having a dedication/open house/ice cream social on Aug 6, at 3pm to officially dedicate our new fellowship hall addition, and YOU ARE INVITED! We would love to see any and all of our LCMC brothers and sisters who would like to come to Deary and help us celebrate this special day. The dedication is in conjunction with Deary's own community day, *Deary Friendship Day*, so there will be many other events going on all day, especially in the morning like events in the park, a parade, a car show-and-shine, etc. You could come to Deary and spend the whole day having fun and helping us celebrate. On behalf of myself, the Church Council, and the Congregation, we cordially invite you and we'd love to see you! – Pastor Murray Stanton

TA DA !!!

Have you ever wondered how a group of people from diverse backgrounds, different religious experiences, or very different opinions about most anything ... can somehow come together and get things done?

Well, we have found a way – with God’s help, of course. Our council has a set of guidelines that has been very useful in how we conduct the church business. These principles were not established by the current council; they were handed down to us. I believe most of us have followed these, sometimes without knowing it. They are a good reminder for all, no matter what the background – Ta Da !!! Here they are:

Council Guidelines

With the help of God, we agree to:

1. **Respect**, encourage, and pray for each other.
2. **Value** the time we have together and use it wisely.
3. **Make our meetings** a priority and be present whenever possible.
4. **Trust that** people have good intentions and motivations.
5. **Participate** in decision making by speaking openly and honestly about priorities and opinions during meetings, not privately afterward.
6. **Listen** completely without interrupting or talking over others.
7. **Seek** what is best for the Church as a whole, not what is best for us or for some small group in the Church.
8. **Accept** differences of opinion and conflict as inevitable, normal, and productive. When we disagree, we will do so respectfully.
9. **Forgive** each other and ourselves when we make mistakes even when another party to a conflict does not acknowledge their responsibility.
10. **Maintain** the integrity of the Council by not breaking confidentiality or undermining the Council and its decisions.
11. **Support** the final decision of the Church Council whether it reflects personal view or not.

Assembled Together

A few years ago, I ordered a large desk online. Two robust men delivered it to my door in a large box that seemed to weigh as much as me. I managed to haul it inside and got out the toolbox my patient, handy father encouraged me to own. I then set to work organizing all the parts and pieces and even reading the directions. Throughout the long, hardly helpful manual, repeated in bold, capital, black lettering, in multiple languages, was the warning “ASSEMBLY CANNOT BE COMPLETED BY ONE INDIVIDUAL. TWO PERSON INSTALLATION REQUIRED.” Annoyed but not dissuaded, I pressed on...continuing until I was in danger of damaging the desk and needed to either grow another set of limbs or ask for help.

Needing help has always been a part of God’s design for us. Even before the fall, Adam was made to crave assistance and companionship, rather than being wholly self-sufficient ([Genesis 2:18](#)). Allowing others to help may, in fact, be a blessing to them. Having the opportunity to walk beside a friend and help her is a humbling privilege as we “bear one another’s burdens” ([Galatians 6:2](#)). Further, gathering together and fellowshiping is a part of God’s design for the Church, as we encourage, edify and sharpen each other ([Hebrews 10:25](#), [Proverbs 27:17](#)).

Scripture is convicting that fellowship is essential in the life of the believer: “He who separates himself seeks his own desire, he quarrels against all sound wisdom” ([Proverbs 18:1](#)). As too is time spent alone with Jesus, our ultimate companion, comforter, Savior, friend.

While recently working on another home project, I was troubled when I could not successfully locate any studs in an interior wall. They were not where I thought they should be. They were not where multiple stud finders indicated they were. And yet, the house is stable. Have you ever had a hard time finding God? Questioned His presence in your life or situation? Questioned the depth of your faith or the stability of your foundation? “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord” ([1 Corinthians 1:9](#)). He is faithful and true. Even when we can’t always pinpoint His presence, when our mechanics, expectations and feelings are off, He is there, inviting us to have fellowship, communion with Him. To trust Him. “It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.” ([Deuteronomy 31:8](#)).

Thank You, Father, for Your perfect presence, for the gift of fellowship with Your Son, for Your Holy Spirit abiding in us, guiding us and filling us with Your peace. Thank You for the gift of this local church and the global Church, the bond of brothers and sisters in Your love. Thank You for always being with us, for bringing us closer together, closer to You. May all we do bring You glory and honor, all our days. – Karen Robison

Two-Service Survey

Thank you for everyone's flexibility and willingness to participate in the seven-Sunday two-service experiment this past April - May.

By the numbers, worship attendance during these seven weeks:

DATE	8:30am	10:30am	Total
April 17	84	133	217
April 24	40	85	125
May 1	41	99	140
May 8	47	103	150
May 15	49	102	151
May 22	44	106	150
May 29	32	72	104

Average attendance January - April 10 = **117**. During the seven weeks of our two-service experiment, average attendance: **148**. If we do not count Easter (4/17 holiday high) and Memorial Day (5/29 holiday low) our average attendance was: **143**. All this to say that going to two services did show a 22% increase in Sunday morning attendance. What can we do to welcome and encourage this increase as well as prepare for more this fall?

The option of expanding the size of or building a new worship area is certainly something we can begin discussing and planning for, but we are currently under building restrictions due to the fact that we are not presently on city water or sewer.

So during this in-between time, as God draws more people to attend worship here at Peace, we are considering options and greatly appreciate your feedback and input. Two services will involve an increase in the need for volunteers (ushers, readers, communion assistance, acolyte, musicians, and Audio-Visual help just to mention a few).

Please take some time to prayerfully complete the survey located on the back. We will compile your responses and schedule a congregational meeting to discuss and consider our options as we move into fall. As we have emphasized all along any final decision involves the congregation as a whole.

Thanks for your prayerful considerations, suggestion, comments, and all praise be to God for the growth of His body here at Peace.

Your PLC Council

Please return your survey no later than Sunday, August 7th.

Two-Service Congregational Survey

I believe we need to have two services beginning this fall.

YES _____ NO _____

Comments/suggestions:

If YES, would you find the following time schedule acceptable?

8:30am Worship

9:30am Fellowship | Study Time

10:30am Worship

YES _____ NO _____

Comments/suggestions:

I would be willing to attend fellowship time between services.

YES _____ NO _____

Comments/suggestions:

I am willing to volunteer in ministry areas (usher, reader, communion, AV, safety team, etc) to ensure two services can take place.

YES _____ NO _____

Comments/suggestions:

Would you like a council member to contact you to discuss your ideas? If so, please provide your contact information:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Best time to contact: _____

Please return your survey no later than Sunday, August 7th.

We're Praying for...

Paula Carlson in the loss of her brother, John Meyers; Betty Nomanson, covid recovery; Andy Anders in the passing of his son, Todd; Anna Dailey, healing, cataract surgery; Becky Elleflood in the passing of her brother, Steve; Lance Ely, broken clavicle; Pat Woods, Eunice Gillam, Kristin Gorman, Chuck Somers, Caren Woods & Ivan Pilyayev, healing/rehab.

Fran Waring (Chris Anderson's mom) ending journey; Baby Hope (Anna Daily's great granddaughter) born deaf, testing; Lois Estvold (Hill Pfundheller's sister) stroke; Florence Anderson, healing, broken arm (Pastor Jon's mom); Max Cahoon (Somer's grandson) nodules on lungs, leukemia; Theda Hill (Mike Hill's sister-in-law) COPD, struggling; Kristi Ammon (Rangel's friend) possible lung cancer; Nick (Jeannine Frisque) Ukrainian refugee work; Ed Livingston & son Isaiah (Connie Arthur) cancer; David Althen (Rebecca Kirkpatrick's brother) cancer; Christine Payne (Catherine McClintick's friend) cancer; Kathryn (Eunice Gillam's daughter) PAN, immune disease; Luke Hohenstreet kidney failure, Jean Eddis, immunotherapy (Lynn Affeldt).

Pray for Our Ministry Partners:

Safe Passage, Family Promise, Orchard Ridge, Open Arms, Juvenile Justice Outreach, Lutherhaven Ministries, Ecumenical Food Kitchen, **Champ's Heart**, Summit Christian Academy, Good Samaritan Rehab, Food Banks, Voice of the Martyrs, Union Gospel Mission, Uganda Medical Mission, OCC Shoebox Gifts, and LCMC.

Notice the ministry partner in **bold**? They are PLC's benevolence focus this month set by our council.

Prayer requests will be revised periodically. Kindly keep the church office informed of changes. Thank you.

Have a **Prayer Tree** request? Please **email** the Church Office at office@peace-lutheran.com

10th Anniversary Celebration!

It's been 10 years since we purchased our prairie church home and held the first service on Sep 30, 2012! Who's up for a fantastical remembrance party, potluck, BBQ, what have you?! God has richly blessed us in this place and it's worthy of giving thanks and celebrating. We formed as a church March 14, 2010, and due to covid couldn't hold a 10th anniversary in 2020, but we're ready to have a commemorative fest. Do we have any party planners that would like to coordinate this momentous occasion? We bet our Fellowship Team could provide guidance and would love extra hands! So let us know if you're as excited about celebrating 10 incredible years in ministry and mission as Peace Lutheran Church!

Stewardship

From 1 Peter: Each of us should use whatever gift we have received from God to serve others as faithful Stewards of God's Grace in its various forms. Time/Talent/Treasure.

From Acts: Luke says: In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak. Remembering the words of the Lord Jesus himself said "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Keeping in mind that Stewardship is more than just money. Our time and talent are also important in serving others as God commands us to do, as we'll see in the next paragraph. As far as our Treasure goes, who owns the money? The answer is that we are merely taking care of God's money so God owns it all. So, instead of asking what does God wants me to do with my money, we should be asking what does God want me to do with his money? God uses money as a tool to shape us, as a test of trust and obedience, and as a testimony to shine light on a dark world.

Without question the Congregation at Peace Lutheran Church have been very good Stewards. We are generous with our time, talent, and treasure. Just look at all the Ministry Partners we support like the Post Falls and CDA foodbanks, the Union Gospel Mission, Family Promise, the Uganda Medical Mission, and others. Peace Lutheran financials are consistently in good shape with a positive cash flow every year. Many of us also give of their time and talents in things like Security, Maintenance, Sunday School, Communion Set-up, Dorcas Quilters, Leading Bible Studies, Serving on the Church Council, and many others. We thank you for your generosity in your Stewardship and know this is such a blessing! We are confident that our Congregation at Peace Lutheran will continue as faithful stewards of God's Grace to us.

Mike Hill, Stewardship Team



Lutherhaven Ministries

Lutherhaven's summer staffers have faithfully answered the call to facilitate the joy and wonder of encountering creation, creating community, and communing with Christ with thousands of campers of all ages this summer. We love getting to share a little extra camp joy with these amazing summer staffers as we thank them for all of their hard work. We're looking for generous Friends of Lutherhaven to help us bless our amazing summer staff! To share a gift, please click on this link and choose an item: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0544aeac2da3fd0-bless> Blessings & prayers for Owen DeWitt as he serves as a camp counselor again this summer!

Family Champ Camp Program: Aug 5-7

Join us for our new weekend designed for families with a child (or children) with developmental or physical needs. Spend a fun weekend together on the lake at camp! Lutherhaven provides lodging, meals, and fun accessible camp programming. Families are in charge of supervising their own children but are welcome to bring an additional caregiver

Shoshone Family Ranch Camp: Aug 12-14

Join us for our new family camp up the river at Shoshone Mountain Retreat! Family Ranch Camp is for families of all shapes and sizes, couples, friends, and anyone looking to get away from it all for a weekend of fun!

We provide the lodging, meals, and programming, so bring your friends and join in the Shoshone Mountain Retreat and Ranch experience! If choosing a tent or RV lodging option, you must bring your own tent or RV.

Boots & Pearls: Aug 27!

Join Lutherhaven's 7th Annual Hootenanny at Camp Lutherhaven on Lake Coeur d'Alene for an evening of fun and generosity supporting the Lutherhaven Fund, making camp available to ALL children regardless of ability to pay. Annually, nearly 65% of campers come for free or at reduced cost thanks to donors like you. Boots & Pearls includes a cruise boat ride to Lutherhaven from downtown Coeur d'Alene, live fiddle music, local wine & beer tasting, meaningful program, paddle raise to support the Lutherhaven Campership Fund & a delicious gourmet meal that will delight any foodie, catered by local chefs!



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Sun Worship at 9:30 AM

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