

Peace LUTHERAN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Care for the Soul

Care for our souls has been neglected in our culture. I spend plenty of time and money caring for my body (diet and exercise, doctors' visits to get my blood pressure under control :-/). We invest in our intellect with education. We take care of relationships (I'm waiting for a friend right now to have coffee as I write this). But our soul... My friends and I have been studying the Psalms this summer and Psalm 103 is my new favorite. It begins and ends with this phrase; "Bless the LORD, O my soul". To "bless" is also translated "praise". When I bless/praise the LORD it is for my sake. God is just fine with his self-concept. He doesn't need me to prop Him up. As I praise Him, I give God my whole focus, my affection, thanks and affirmation. As I do this my world gets much, much bigger.

Whatever I "praise/bless", I give my full attention to. Recently I went in 1/2 on the cost of an RV trailer with some friends. Now I find myself giving my attention to RVs, talking with fellow RV owners, trying to figure out how to fix stuff. Its where my focus goes. When things go well with my Winnebago Micro Minnie Trailer things are good with me. When the battery goes down, it's not as fun. Where my focus is, where my money is invested, where my time is spent, those are the things I am "blessing/praising".

So back to the soul. The Hebrew word for soul is *nephesh*. "*And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living **soul***" (Genesis 2:7).

In the New Testament, the word used is *psyche*. "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own **soul**" (Mark 8:36)

There are some practical ways that Christians for centuries have been listening to the Lord and learning how to care for their souls. Slowing down as you read the Scriptures is a good start. I encourage you to read Psalm 103. Focus especially on verses 1-5. Take your time. Perhaps read it through several times. First time through just get a sense of what it says. Second time through notice if there is a word or phrase that kind of jumps off the page to you. Third time through ask the Lord what you should do with this word or phrase. Then, bless the Lord -that is, give thanks, praise for his specific benefits to your soul these days. For some, it helps to write down prayers (journal) to get your thoughts and prayers down on paper. Final step, share your discoveries with a trusted friend (over coffee is nice).

I very much look forward to my time with you all in September as we share together more ideas on caring for the soul and how we can love the Lord with all our hearts, minds, strength/bodies and... our soul.

Blessings to your soul as your soul blesses the Lord,
Bob Mabry

In addition to being a really good friend of Pastor Jon & Chris, Bob has been a pastor, teacher, small group facilitator, worship leader and youth director in local churches for many years. He currently serves two churches in Southern CA.

Bob enjoys time with his family, teaching surfing, quiet time with Jesus (and strong coffee), offering Spiritual Direction and equipping God's people for service in the world.

"I see my primary role in ministry these days as one who helps point people to Jesus the Good Shepherd, to hear His voice, and respond to Him".

Pastor Bob will be with us on Sunday, September 18th!



IMPORTANT: Sep 4 is the **last** summer service at 9:30 am.
On following Sundays in Sep, our one service time is at 10 am.

Backpack Blessing Sunday – Sep 4!

Calling Students of All Ages! Peace wants to begin your school year with a special Backpack Blessing on Sunday, Sep 4. We'll have a blessing and sending for you during worship and maybe even a little something extra for your backpack so remember to bring it that morning!

All Congregational Meeting

In Jul & Aug, we conducted a two-service worship survey, you responded well, council reviewed every survey and comment, and a comprehensive report was emailed to all on Aug 15 for your review (printed copies are available). Based on the surveys, the church council will propose moving to two worship services and is bringing this forward to the congregation, to vote on at a congregational meeting on Sep 11 immediately following 10 am worship that morning. Everyone will receive a simple ballot which will be collected, counted and results made know that morning. *Please come vote!*

Rally Day, Congregational Meeting & Anniversary Celebration!

Wowzer, it's gonna be a great morning at Peace with our Rally Day kickoff, a congregational meeting to vote on two services, and to celebrate our blessings as a church. Our actual ten years together as a church was in March 2020. You know what happened...soon we were in shut down and unable to hold a gathering. But we were blessed to purchase this church in Sep 2012 and held the first service here that Sep 30! So, whether we're celebrating 10 or 12 discipleship years, it's gonna be grand! Our Fellowship Team will graciously provide the meats for BBQ, condiments, paper supplies, and anniversary cakes while the rest of us only need to bring a super summer side dish to share, like salad varieties, fruit, beans, etc. Please contact Ruth or Mary C for details or questions!

Calling All Singers to MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!!

September 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.

Family Promise Week

Our final Family Promise hosting week for this year is scheduled for **Sep 25-Oct 2**. You may use our MealTrain site at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/w7ezqe> to donate items or volunteer as the date approaches. Thank you to all volunteers and servant hearts these last two months! 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** (not Family Promise) and please remember to memo FP on your check for our good accounting – *thank you!*

Safety Team Opportunity

The Safety and Security Team is always looking for additional volunteers. A great opportunity to hang out with a bunch of really nice people and do something meaningful for the church. Ladies are always welcome. If interested, please contact me or Rod Freleigh – *thanks!* – Rick Straub

Girl Power Zone – New Place!

Last year, a local community group, Girl Power Zone now in their 10th year, met here on Thu afternoons to empower and support teenage girls through a myriad of personal and social challenges. The group loved their time here and remarked about our incredible, loving, and involved church. They will begin meeting again this semester on Sep 21, 4-5:30 pm, at a new place, Word Fellowship Church, 1600 E Seltice Way, Post Falls, to provide a 12-week course covering boundaries, depression, self-value, choices, loneliness, bullying, and emotional responsibility. Limited class space, materials and snacks are provided in the \$25 class fee. Registration is required by calling 509-710-5479 or 208-771-4139.

Financial Summary for Jul 2022 Submitted by Lynn Affeldt, Aug 9, 2022

Jul Balance Sheet

Ministry & Facility Fund	\$ 55,597	
All Designated Funds	<u>\$ 77,516</u>	
Total Mt West Checking	\$133,113	
Thrivent Mortgage Balance	\$282,445	\$283,691 (Jun)

Jul Income & Expense

Actual Giving	\$ 26,045	(Plan for Giving \$19,743)
Actual Expense	\$ 19,474	

YTD Income & Expense: (Jan-Jul 2022)

Actual Giving	\$166,074	(Plan for Giving \$138,195)
Actual Expense	\$133,670	

Jul 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	96	\$ 1,779 (Pastor provided assistance)
Sabbatical Fund (accrual)	100	0	\$ 4,300
Reception/Kitchen Fund	0	0	\$ 1,516
Campership Fund	0	0	\$ 3,087
Dorcas Fund	0	0	\$ 1,520
Youth Fund	0	0	\$ 5,266
Uganda Fund (\$300 accrual)	300	0	\$20,571
Other Misc Designated	240	400 (VBS)	\$ 3,207 (TOPS & Button Club inc)
Scholarship Fund	0	0	\$ 50
Internship Fund	0	0	\$ 243
Capital Fund	0	0	\$10,350 (aka Building Fund)
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. When annexations finally do come our way someday, tie-ins will be expensive as will any addition – *let's save now!*

Are you a Thrivent member? Please check on your Choice Dollars and donate to Peace or a charity of your choice! Also, as a Thrivent member did you know that you can apply for a \$250 Action Team card to support the many outreach activities here at Peace? We'll need two members to apply for the Shoebox Gifts project in Sep. Need help? Call us!

We hope you are using our new, easy to navigate, and attractive website. Go to peace-lutheran.church/ to view the Sunday service, read this newsletter, view weekly events, dates, & times, and ways you can serve/connect!

Kitchen Needs: Cases of bottled water, large-size refill bottles of sanitizer, all size paper plates, coffee supplies like Torani syrups, powdered creamers (regular, vanilla & mocha), tea varieties individually wrapped, and hot cider packets. Please, no more hot chocolate until we use up what we have – thanks!

We want to thank the P&M stewards of this House as they faithfully mowed & trimmed every week in all kinds of weather. We realize they're not finished for the season yet but wanted to give them a shout out!

Would anyone like to volunteer to cut down/trim the iris leaves out front for the season?

The Council has requested that minutes from their meeting be included in our newsletter. Hardcopies are in the hall.

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting – August 9, 2022

Meeting called to order at 5:59 PM by President David Pollard.

Devotion and Prayer: Catherine Rangel, “Decision Making”

Attendance: Dave Pollard, Ken Birge, Tom Robison, Catherine McClintick, Tom Carlson, Chris Clark, Marge Freligh, Catherine Rangel, and Pastor Jon. Absent, Connie Arthur.

Minutes: The July 12, 2022, council meeting minutes were reviewed. Ken Birge made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Tom Carlson. **Motion approved.**

Treasurer’s Report: Tom Robison reported that we are in excellent standing. Monthly and YTD giving exceeds expenses, yet we are cautious as some expenses have not come up yet. It is noted that \$400 of the \$500 expense for VBS came from a donor who came into the church one day.

Marge F. made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Catherine R. **Motion approved.**

President’s Report:

- President Dave Pollard reported that **Champ’s Heart** is on the list as August’s benevolence outreach. Catherine McClintick made a motion to approve, seconded by Tom Carlson. **Motion approved**
- President Dave will give a “What’s Happening” report on Sunday, August 28, to the congregation
- President Dave suggested the church survey results should be in the minutes; Tom Robison handed out results of the survey.

Pastor’s Report:

- See filed report

Ministry Team Reports:

Tom Robison suggested that the ministries should put forth a “wish list” for needs within each ministry.

Fellowship: No meeting last month, no report.

Mission & Outreach/Vision: Tom R mentioned this is Family Promise month and includes three adults & six children.

Property & Maintenance: See report presented by Ken Birge.

Safety Team: Tom C will be attending their meeting on August 11, there will be a discussion about the cameras.

Strategic Planning: Ken B had council look at their Strategic Planning diagram, Foreground Vision for 90 Days, the Refresh Website can be moved to the *Ta-Da* list, and be replaced with something from the *Parking Lot*, Additional Worship; not moving, Leadership Development Plan; not moving, Master Site Plan; should have it noted as a yearly review – it may not need to stay in the 90 Day position. Review/Revise – remind everybody on the teams at the end of the year to make necessary changes for the next council; remain in the 90 Day slot. Pastor Jon asked to table the Measures & Marks list until all the council has the complete form.

Stewardship: Chris Clark gave an endowment report; he has a few contacts willing to discuss anything we would like to discuss. Contacts have given info about setup costs. We have information about two endowment companies that can facilitate our needs when needed – INNOVIA Foundation and Idaho Community Foundation Endowment Companies.

Youth and Education: Catherine R reported that new books came in and she has made a few lessons to try out for KidZone. She also reported about Operation Christmas Child – she will attend a meeting on Sep 10 – we need to set up a church team of volunteers.

Worship & Music: Marge F reported that this team is thinking about two services.

Unfinished Business: Tom R reviewed the survey results with the council; the results will be shared with the congregation on 8/28 after church in fellowship hall with time for questions and answers. We need to address the people who do not support two services. Council needs to make recommendations to the congregation. There will be a special congregational meeting on September 11 to take a vote.

New Business: Marge Freligh moved to share survey results with the congregation on August 28, then on September 11, recommending we vote as to go to two services at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM. Tom Carlson seconded. Motion Approved.

Announcements: None

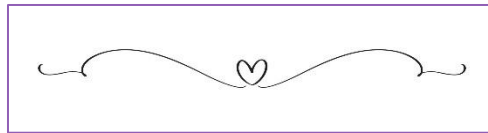
Benediction: The Lord's Prayer was recited in unison by the Council.

Adjournment: Marge F moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM, seconded by Catherine R. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine McClintick

Recording Secretary



We want to share this beautiful letter from Paul Hunter about NGM and the Uganda Mission:

Dear friend of NGM!

What an amazing mission Pam & I enjoyed with seven others in the nation of Uganda recently! Among those missionaries were Doug Steiner, NGM Board Chairman, and Skip Gipson who recently joined the board as a member.

The three weeks I spent in Uganda was very important for me for several reasons ... both on a personal level as well as for NGM. I want to share them with you.

1. Transition - While we were in Uganda, Doug, Pam, and I met with the Ugandan Board of Directors and had a marvelous and beneficial meeting together. We are in unity with the direction of the organization. During the time Doug was in Jinja we had a combined dinner with the NGM staff, the UG Board of Directors, the short-term missionaries, and Sylvia Subo. Doug officially handed over the supervision of NGM to the Uganda Board of Directors.

It was an evening of praise and celebration for what God has done over the years. I believe that we are leaving the work of God in good hands with both the Board of Directors and the NGM Staff.

Pam shared with the group that our time there may well be our last visit to the nation we love so much. She wanted everyone to know that we leave Uganda with a sweet taste in our mouths. We know of many foreign missionaries who have been betrayed, deceived, and misused and have left the nation with bitterness and an oath to never return. Not so with Pam and me. After nearly 20 years, we leave Uganda with a greater love for the people than with which we came, great satisfaction with the Board and Staff, and gratitude for all the Lord has done in our time leading the organization. We would be delighted to have the Lord ask us to return.

2. Gratitude - Sylvia Subo's last day as an employee with NGM was June 15, 2022. While I am sad to see her go, I believe that her service to the organization as NGM Administrator was timed by the Lord. He brought her to NGM at just the right time. Her contribution to the organization was huge as she brought her organizational skills, structures and systems, and compliance with the laws of Uganda to NGM at the perfect time. She was God's gift to us and I am forever grateful. On

behalf of the International Board of Directors, I thank Sylvia for the gift she was from God during the time that the organization needed her strengths. We all wish her well in her next endeavor for the sake of Christ.

3. Vision - My visit to Uganda was so motivating. The Spirit of God stirred my heart to see that NGM must not settle for a maintenance mode or to rest on past accomplishments. No. It is time to move forward. The staff is embracing a new culture as they seek to work as a team rather than function with a pyramid system of leadership. The Board of Directors has given the position of Team Leader to Esther Mulungi as an Intern for 12 months. They gave me the assignment of mentoring her during those months. Esther is working hard to lead that team to function as a team.

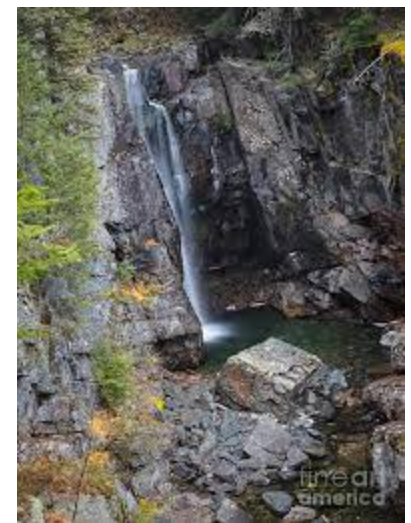
My recent short-term mission, which ended with a medical mission in Western Uganda, underscored the need for NGM to expand to other parts of the nation as we love people on behalf of God and seek to change Uganda one person at a time. Rebecca Hunter organized, facilitated, assembled a team, and led the medical mission. It was an astounding success. Rebecca is a product of the work of NGM and I discovered she has been mentoring many of her fellow medical students as well as a musical shop owner and a boda boda man and others I don't know about! Discipleship/mentoring is what NGM is all about as relationships are our foundation. Rebecca is carrying that vision to her peers and colleagues.

Additionally, Rebecca has informed me to approach the Board of Directors with her desire to be the very first sent-out missionary for NGM. She has big dreams as indicated by the CBO she registered with the nation of Uganda called **SOZO Dream Foundation - Saved, Healed, Made Whole**.

4. Partnership - We need you to be a part of Team NGM more than ever. We want to have a wider impact and we need you to consider going to Uganda as a short-term missionary, to contribute financially to the many needs of the organization, and to pray for God's blessing and favor as He directs the work of Next Generation Ministries.

May the Lord direct us as we yield ourselves to Him and His callings! Please click and watch this incredible video: https://youtu.be/CzBRZglv_AM

Paul D. Hunter
Director Emeritus/Financial Liaison
Next Generation Ministries
Changing Uganda One Person at A Time
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Young Adults – Hiking Day Sep 10!

We're heading up north to Char Falls for an awesome day hike. We'll meet in the church parking lot at 9 am and carpool. Please bring snacks, water bottle, wear swim gear, etc. Maybe we could stop for brunch on the way up! Expected return to the church lot is 4 pm.

Please RSVP Karen Robison at 509-741-7195 or karen@peace-lutheran.com.

Open Arms Benefit Sale: September 17, 9 am – 2 pm

You can help support this fundraiser! Donations of gently used furniture are being accepted for the benefit sale on Sep 17 (the Open Arms team reserves the right to refuse any items). If you are interested in adding furniture to the sale, please let us know. **It will need to be dropped off by the end of August at Open Arms in Hayden.** There are currently computer desks, lamps, and end tables available. You'll find a mixture of timeless furnishings with a contemporary design. Let's work together to and get the Event Center finished! Thank you from your friends at Open Arms!!

Open Arms Real Choices Clinic | 8056 N Wayne Drive, Hayden, ID 83835

Fall Bible Study Groups

Sun Adult Study: Join us as we begin a new season for 8:30 am bible study beginning Sep 11 led by Karen Robison!

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 mid-way 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!*

Jr & Sr Youth: We're back on for a new season and diving into *The Life of Jesus*, Wed, **Sep 7 at 5 pm** – *see below!*

Thu Bible Study: A new 12-week study will begin **Sep 8, at 11 am** on Genesis (see below). Please use the signup in the fellowship hall if you are attending so materials can be ordered. Jim Wardlow leads this study.

Family Fun Night: A gathering with food, fun, fellowship, and games for ALL ages on Fri, **Oct 7!**

YOUTH GROUP: *The Life of Jesus* (6th grade - 12th grade)



We will resume our weekly Wednesday gatherings starting on Wednesday, September 7th at 5:00pm! We will gather, worship, discover & discuss God's Word, share, pray, and bless.

Please make plans to join us. *More details coming very soon!*

THURSDAY, 11 AM BIBLE STUDY: Starting Sept 8 at 11:00 AM

On Sep 8, we will resume our journey through the Scriptures: STARTING WHERE IT ALL BEGAN in GENESIS. Please join us as we discover how God' Creation Plan influences and impacts our daily living TODAY, TOMORROW and into our FUTURE.

Come share this 12 lesson Bible Study that makes Bible stories come alive for today's Christian. The book being used is authored by Pastor Kent Groethe and is titled GENESIS: Old Places, New Faces. Tthe signup sheet in the fellowship hall so materials can be ordered. In order to allow for group dynamics and participation class size will be limited. – Jim Wardlow

Family Fun Night, Friday, October 7th

All ages are invited to come to the Church on the first Friday of the month (starting October 7th) to enjoy a few games together. Bring your favorite snacks and games (card or board) and we will enjoy a fun evening.

Chat with Karen if you have questions or family-fun ideas...since it will be Reformation month, a DVD of "Luther" will also be available this evening!

Men's Group Resumes

Monday, October 10th - 6:00pm

And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. John 1:14a

We will spend Monday nights this fall gathered around God's Word, sharing a meal and considering the many and mighty personal encounters Jesus has with others - *and us*. The blind man by the side of the road, the tax collector up a tree, a long-ill woman in the midst of a crowd, a demon-possessed man in the tombs. Jesus engages people personally, yet not privately. He comes and extends the kingdom of heaven into the dailiness of our lives... meeting us where we are... but refusing to leave us there.

More details coming soon!

Close
Encounters
with
Jesus



I recently went for a hike in an area I had not previously explored. I knew where the trail started, about how long it was and to look for large boulders, which would signify the hike was almost complete.

A hiking buddy had maps and statistics of the trail and gave periodic updates. "We have gone 1 mile and climbed 200 feet, only 4 more miles and 586 feet elevation gain to go!" This information was helpful, but, for me, it was also a little distracting. Sometimes even discouraging. We had only gone 1 mile and had 4 more to go?! I felt the pull to shift into "survival" mode: head down, feet moving, no conversation, just chugging along with a blinding determination. This pulled me away from experiencing the joys of the moment, instead imagining large boulders and the end of the trail around every bend.

Sometimes the trail was steep, dusty, hot, with pests swarming in the muggy air and hiding amidst the tall weeds. Sometimes the trail was tranquil, shaded and cool, bending with the curves of a creek featuring melodious bullfrogs, sweet-smelling cedar and lush vegetation. If I focused solely on finishing the race, I would miss seeing Him in these moments. I would miss reveling in the majesty and goodness of God. On the parts of the journey where I struggled, God was with me. On the parts where I enjoyed rest, God was with me. This is true in every trial and time and on every trail, throughout life.

God is with us (Joshua 1:5, 9). Jesus, our Lord and Savior, is with us, holding us close and granting us peace (Matthew 28:20, Psalm 27:10 and 118:6-7). We are led by the Spirit and we are His (Psalm 94:14, Romans 8:14, 1 Peter 2:9). God gives us daily bread, supplies for all of our needs and places us in this time purposely (Matthew 6:11, 26, Philipians 4:19, Esther 4:14).

In the beginning, if I had accurately grasped how steep the trail was, I might not have started on it. Has that ever been true for you? Have you ever reflected upon where you are now and seen the gracious way God leads and provides? How He lovingly gives courage, purpose and peace? God grows our skills and challenges us to deepen our reliance upon Him, to keep trusting Him and walking in His will and love, always. – Karen Robison



Aug 7, 2022

The morning began with uplifting music from our Praise Team!



Holy Baptism Of Sam Rangel

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Eph 1:13

PLC Weekly Calendar & Events

Mon: Staff Meeting, 10 am
Wed: Bible Study, 10 am; Youth, 5 pm; Music, 6 pm
Dorcas Quilting 1st & 3rd Mon 9 am-12 pm | Button Club 2nd Wed 12-3 pm
Tue: Various meetings, Chorale CDA, 5-9 pm
Thu: TOPS, 8 am; Bible Study, 11 am

- Sep 2:** Church Office Closed (staff PTO)
- Sep 4:** Backpack Blessing; *Last 9:30 am summer service*
- Sep 5:** Church Office Closed for Labor Day
- Sep 6:** P&M Team, 6 pm; Chorale season begins, 5 pm
- Sep 7:** Fellowship Team, 11 am | Youth Group, 5 pm | Choir, 6 pm
- Sep 8:** Thu Bible Study begins, 11 am
- Sep 10:** Young Adult Hike, 9 am
- Sep 11:** Rally Day, Congregational Meeting, Anniversary Celebration BBQ!
- Sep 14:** Historical Button Club, 12-3 pm
- Sep 22:** Ecumenical Food Kitchen
- Sep 25 – Oct 2:** Family Promise Week
- Oct 2-5:** LCMC Annual Gathering, MN
- Oct 7:** Family Fun Night, 6 pm
- Oct 10:** Monday Men's Group begins, 6 pm
- Oct 16:** OCC Shoebox & Stewardship Kickoff

Pastor Jon takes Fri & Sat off each week.

The Church Office is open Mon-Fri, 9 am – 4 pm (**closed the noon lunch hour**)

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Sep Sunday Ministry Servants

Sep 4 will be our LAST 9:30 service; we return to 10 am in Sep!

	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Communion
9:30am Sep 4	Woody & Debbie C	Sam R	Jennifer M	Bill & Connie A, Mary C
10am Sep 11	Todd & Suzie E	Colt K	Paul M	Ed & Catherine R, Chris C
" Sep 18	Jim & Carolyn U	Keegan R	Dave P	Ken & Rita B, Jerry B
" Sep 25	Roy & Candy V	Kira N	Mike H	Darryl & Tanya F, Karen R

Thank you to Lisa Fisher for communion setup/cleanup and to Betty Nomanson for baking the bread.

Scripture readings are provided to our readers for review on Wednesday for the coming Sunday.

Thanks to Marge Freligh for scheduling assistants. Please let the office know of any changes – *thank you!*

	Counters	Safety Team
Sep 4	Amy B & Tom C	Rick & John
Sep 11	Amy B & Tom C	Rod & Doyle
Sep 18	Chris C & Amy B	Colby & Jim
Sep 25	Chris C & Tom C	Todd & Karle

A Lively Discussion!

On Sunday, Aug 28, a productive and lively discussion was held during fellowship time hashing out the results and details of the two-service worship survey that we filled out and expressed opinions. The council addressed all comments, concerns, and there was a good exchange of ideas during this fellowship time. Council President, Dave Pollard, was the ultimate emcee and kept the discussion moving along and upbeat. Isn't good to know, that at least in this place, opinions can be expressed and listened to respectfully?! Rare but rightly so. In our church history, this has always been the case at any gathering. Next, we'll have the opportunity to vote on Sep 11, as God leads us!

Prayer Requests

We are always privileged to pray for those in need. When you request a prayer for someone, please make sure you first have their permission to appear via email Prayer Tree or our printed Prayer List. **These are also two different items.** For example, if you request a prayer to be put on our Prayer List, it will *only* appear on the Sunday announcement page and NOT go out via email. If you say Prayer Tree, your request will be sent via congregational email and also appear in the Prayer List.

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

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

We're Praying for...

Eunice Gillam & Pooleys in the passing of Sarah Robbins; Dietrich Meier-Grolman, Lance Ely, Kristin Gorman, Chuck Somers, Caren Woods & Ivan Pilyayev, healing/rehab.

Bill Alexander (Sharon Alexander) healing, back; Vickie Pickett (Arthur's friend) healing, hit by car; The family/young children of Sarah Robbins in her passing; Drayson (Karen Robison) home but undiagnosed; Lynn (Betty Nomanson's friend/neighbor) healing, back surgeries; Linda Hill (Connie Arthur) hole in lung; Warren Murray (Jennifer's husband) back injury; Baby Esther (Candy Vervair) Dravet Syndrome; Baby Hope (Anna Daily's great granddaughter) born deaf, testing; Lois Estvold (Hill Pfundheller's sister) stroke; Max Cahoon (Somer's grandson) leukemia; Theda Hill (Mike Hill's sister-in-law) COPD; Nick (Jeannine Frisque) refugee work, Ukraine; David Althen (Rebecca Kirkpatrick's brother) cancer; Christine Payne (Catherine McClintick's friend) cancer; Luke Hohenstreet in kidney failure, on dialysis & 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.

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Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts

Our Operation Christmas Child kickoff is just around the corner on October 16th. Last year our congregation sent **153 Shoeboxes** included with 10,505,155 Shoeboxes to children worldwide! For many children, it may be their first gift ever and hearing about Jesus. OCC shoeboxes provide an opportunity to present the Gospel in a 12-lesson discipleship program in a child-friendly way.

We are excited this year to bring back our Packing Party! For those who don't want to fill a whole box this is great way to contribute a few small toys, school supplies, and/or personal care items. We have a **plentiful amount** that's been donated, and we'll also have boxes available.

This year is our first year without our fearless and dedicated leader, Joann Carlson. We are confident that with many helpers/volunteers we can make heavy work light. Volunteers are needed to help sell raffle tickets each Sunday to cover ALL shipping cost, to help with the packing party, two Thrivent members to apply for Action Team cards, someone to prepare raffle baskets, then finally, delivering our shoeboxes to a local drop off location in Nov during collection week.

Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts are a great way to kick off the Christmas season! If you're interested in helping with this outreach ministry in anyway, please contact Catherine Rangel call/text 208-819-3155 or email rangelfamily@ymail.com – Catherine Rangel



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Beginning Sep 11...
Sun Adult Study 8:30 AM
Sun Worship at 10 AM
Wed Bible Study 10 AM
Thu Bible Study 11 AM (Sep 8)
Pastor Jon Anderson
Pastor Emeritus, Gail Gutterud