

Peace Notes

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Dear Family of Peace:

I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees of the field their fruit. Leviticus 26:4 (NIV)

Thank God for rain! We don't always appreciate rainy days do we? But those days do water the earth, makes things grow, and clean and refresh our environment. Yes, rainy days can be wet, sloppy and messy, at times – but what would we do without the benefits of rain? That question became a reality when my family moved down to Georgia a few years ago.

The Atlanta area had been going through a 2 year drought. The lakes were drying up, lawns were brown, the air had the taste of dusty heat, and crops just shriveled up and died. Churches throughout the region held special prayer services to ask God to send rain. Signs and

billboards sprang up around the city urging people to “pray for rain”. Many did!

When the drought finally broke and the ground began to soak up all the precious moisture, people celebrated. Many actually went outside and stood in the pouring rain to restore and revive their parched spirits and just enjoy the feeling of that old dusty grime being washed from their bodies.

What a wonderful blessing rain is! Thank God for rain!

In our little part of the county, we need rain too! We need God's refreshing downpours just as the people of Israel needed them, and the people in Georgia needed them. Now, it's the season for some rain here in Wisconsin, because it always seems like those April showers just continue to

stretch on into May somehow. But still, “What would we do without the benefits of rain?”

At Peace this “season of rain” has already been and continues to be one of blessing, as God rains down His grace upon people.

Over the last few months, we’ve witnessed God pouring out his mercy in many different ways. We’ve seen our 5th graders receive First Communion and our High School youth affirmed in their mission to the National Youth Gathering. We have witnessed the holy “showers” of baptism for adult and infant while enjoying the opportunity to meet and greet so many people visiting our church.

In all these ways, God has certainly sent his warm and gentle rain into our hearts to cleanse, restore and grow each of us in our spiritual journey. So again I say - Thank God for rain!

In ministry and mission, our loving God has watered our hearts with the life giving rain from heaven. He reminds us that He is with us in times of tranquil peace and times of dynamic transition.

So today as we wade through this season of “transitional rainstorms” please pray for our church leaders, and let us all produce the good fruit God desires. May we be soaked to the skin with love for one another as our leaders and transitional team plan and prepare for the future. Remember, it is God who has blessed us with his Word and Sacrament – he has given us the gospel of Jesus Christ to treasure and to share; and He has watered our hearts with the rain of heaven so that we can grow and produce fruit.

Yes it is true that rain can be an inconvenience, it can dampen our plans to enjoy outdoor activities and at worse cause flooding and soaked basements.

But still, in all things let us proclaim – Thank God for rain!

Pastor Rankin

Sunday School News & Notes

We will have a special Celebration on May 23rd.

9:30 - Ice Cream Celebration for the last day of Sunday School!

10:45 - Stepping Stone Service

The Sunday School year will be wrapping up at 9:30. First, we’ll practice our “stepping stone” memory work with our classes, and then... an ice cream celebration to follow!

At 10:45, join us as each child will be participating as part of the special **Stepping Stone** second service!

Thank you, parents, for bringing your child to Sunday School this year, helping when asked or when you are able, and teaching your children that God comes first!

Thank you to all of our Sunday School teachers, too! You are a blessing to the lives of our children for helping to teach the word of God through your care and commitment!

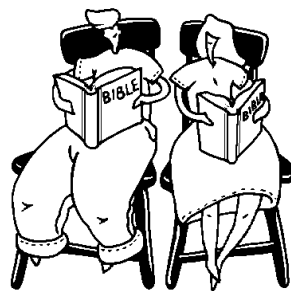
Please let these dedicated servants know how much you appreciate their service!

Blessings to you over the summer months!

“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

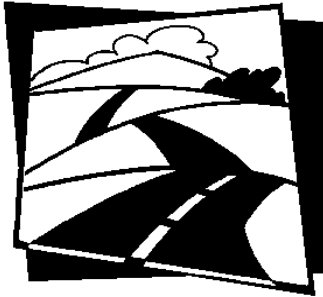
(2 Timothy 3:14-15 ESV)

Nikki Nelson



COTL News & Notes

High School Bible Study



Our journey down the Roman Road is drawing to a close!

- May 2nd Supported by the Root (Romans 9-11)
- May 9th Living Sacrifice (12:1-21)
- May 16th Getting Involved (13:1-14)
- May 23rd Unified in Love (14-16)

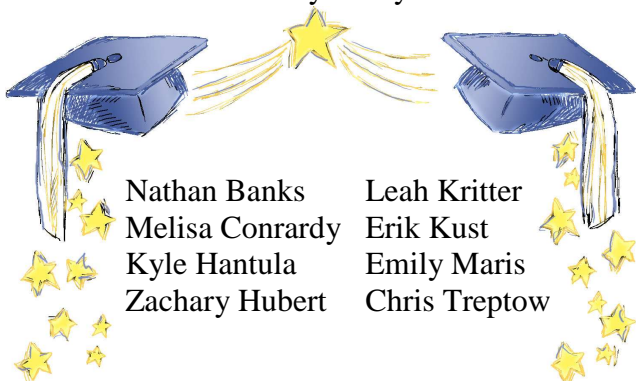
Important Dates For Your Calendar

- May 2nd FINAL \$100 deposit due for National Youth Gathering
- May 5th No COTL
- May 12th COTL – Youth Room (7:30-8:30 PM)
- May 19th Youth Gathering Meeting (7:30-8:30 PM)
- June 14-18th VBS

Stepping Stones – Graduation Recognition

During our worship services on Sunday, May 9th we will take the time to recognize our high school seniors that will be graduating this year.

We congratulate our high school seniors and celebrate with you as you continue to serve Christ wherever life may lead you!



Open Wide The Door To Little Lambs Of Peace

We'd like our Peace family to get to know our Little Lambs of Peace families.

Every other month in Peace Notes, you'll meet a new LLOP family and probably learn some things about the ministry of our preschool that you never knew before! As you'll see, God works through our little ones to bring His love to families here at Peace and in the community!

Meet the Schopf Family

Glen & Bonnie and grandchildren Sydney, Megan and Nathan

Glen and Bonnie are long-time members of Peace. They began coming to Little Lambs when their oldest granddaughter was two years old. Glen and Bonnie sang, clapped, prayed and played during the 2 Toddler class with all three grandchildren!

Sydney attended the 3 and 4 year-old preschool classes. Megan also attended 3 year-old preschool at Little Lambs. They appreciate that the preschool was offered at Peace.

Bonnie says that it makes their grandchildren very comfortable going to church in a place that is familiar to them.

The children have enjoyed spending time with other children, playing in the gym, singing songs and eating snacks. They take pride in showing the books they have made in class, too. They will sometimes even tell their family members about the Jesus lessons learned at Little Lambs. They like to pray before they eat and before they go to bed.

The Schopfs had fun taking their grandchildren to Little Lambs of Peace. And we have so enjoyed having them! What a blessing they are to us and their family.

Heather Culli

Secret Sis Fun Happenings

On March 13th 10 ladies of Peace volunteered their time at City on a Hill in Milwaukee. Some were unsure, maybe even a little scared of what the day would bring.

They soon discovered that God put us in this time and place for a reason. We had such a good experience that some want to keep volunteering there every second Saturday of the month.

*****Good Job Good & Faithful Servants*****

If you would like to hear of our experiences or would like to join us on May 8th or June 12th please see Stephanie Montano.

Two other Secret Sis fellowship offerings:

Waukesha Riverwalk for Breast Cancer
May 1st at 10 am
Frame Park
Registration Cost is \$15.00
Register at www.waukeshariverwalk.org and sign up to be on team "faithfriends&family"

Also...

Community Chorus Concert at
Emanuel United Church of Christ
10627 W. Forest Home Ave
May 7th at 7:30 pm
Cost is \$7.00

Please let me know if you're interested in attending any of these events.

Thank you so much!

Stephanie Montano



Marriage Enrichment Course

CPREP – Christian Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program

What is CPREP?

CPREP is *education*, not therapy. Most of us were never really taught good relationship skills. When it comes to loving the most important people in our lives, no one can ever learn too much.

This course is meant to help teach couples the skills and principles needed to maintain healthy and lasting relationships.

For more information visit:

www.prepinc.com/main/christian_prep.asp

The best gift you can give your loved one is to take the time to learn how to better relate to one another!

Who is CPREP for?

CPREP is for couples who want their marriage to be the best that it can be. This course is recommend for all couples, whether they are engaged, newly married, in the throes of raising children, or even couples who are experiencing an empty nest.

When will this be offered?

This course will meet for six weeks at Peace on Thursday nights from 6:30 – 8:00 PM beginning Thursday, June 3rd.

What is the cost?

The cost of materials is \$10 per couple.

How do I sign up?

Please sign up or make your intentions known for attending this course by calling the church office or send an email to:

Kathleen@peacelutheran.org

Only a limited number of couples will be able to participate.

Book Of The Month

Title: Focus On the Family's Parents' Guide To Teen Health

Publisher: Tyndale House

From the back book cover: "Raging hormones, pizza parties, and late nights. That's the world of teenagers. If there's one living in your house, this book is for you!"

More than 50 leading physicians, psychologists, and parenting experts give solid answers and practical advice to help your family meet the physical and emotional needs of the teen years."

Allyson Doerflinger

Quarterly Mission Newsletter

The English District has developed a quarterly Mission Newsletter to inform you of:

1. New Mission Starts across the district.
2. Campus ministry work and the impact on student's lives.
3. Human care ministries as they care for people in this time of economic stress.
4. New best practices and outreach from other district congregations.
5. Congregations in the Transformation Revitalization process and how they are connecting with the unchurched and dechurched in their communities.

You may receive this free quarterly newsletter by going to the English District website and completing the form online or if you would like to receive it by mail, please send your request to:

The English District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
33100 Freedom Rd.
Farmington, MI 48336-4030

OR

You can download the Newsletter which is available on the English District website.

www.englishdistrict.org

Go to the Missions drop-down menu and click on Mission Newsletter.

Easter isn't over

During your preparations for Easter, you may have heard someone say, "All this work and it'll all be over so soon." Sorry, but they're wrong.

Easter as a celebration of the return of spring, the Easter of the Easter Bunny and colored eggs and candy, fancy hats and new spring clothes may be over by Easter Monday, not to come around again until next year.

But the true Easter, the celebration of Christ's resurrection, is never over. Easter is the reminder and the celebration of a continuing fact: Christ, who was raised from death, is alive today, tomorrow and forever. Daily he offers us and the whole world power to begin new life now.

Easter isn't over ... ever!





Duane Rice	
Richard Schopf	May 2
Susan Slotke	May 3
Nicole Banks	
Clara Guse	May 5
Linda Maris	
Perry Radtke	May 6
Gabrielle Holbrook	May 7
Allison Bakovic	
Jayna Mackai	May 9
Martin Bangert	
Shirley Montano	
Matthew Schneider III	
Emma Szczupakiewicz	May 11
Sharon Bartholomay	May 12
Barbara Sievert	May 13
Nikki Nelson	
Christopher Treptow	May 14
Jonathan Hoelke	
Donald Springer	May 15
Sharon Fabian	
Bruce Schmidt	May 16
Betty Barry	
Rachel Fredlund	
Noah Hockett	
Anna Thompson	May 17
Bryan Hantula	
Louanne Sullivan	May 18
Roger Brunn	May 19
Randal Montano	
Dave Scalzo	May 20
David Doerflinger	
Mark Radloff	May 21
Samuel Boesel	
Gary Davis	
Bill Eurick	May 25

Melody Erblich	May 26
Emma Dejno	
Sara Shuler	May 27
BJ Halverson	
James Merk	May 28
Paige Bedroske	
Emily Langbauer	
Barbara Neidert	May 29
Bob Simeone	May 30
Sandra Martin	May 31



“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability”
(Acts 2:1-4, NRSV).

When is Pentecost?

- A. Seventh Sunday after Easter
- B. Seventh Sunday after the Ascension
- C. 40 days after Easter
- D. 40 days after the Ascension

Answer: A

Who's Hosting Coffee Sip?

Those serving coffee sip for the month of May are listed below. Thank you all for your assistance in this fellowship function.

May 2, 2010

Don Trepel	414-858-2465
Florence Trepel	414-858-2465
Mike & Beth Treptow	262-679-3095
Mark & Lynda Troeger	262-895-6688
*Merton & Stareen Troeger	262-293-9445
Rob Tyler	262-352-2116
Wendy Tyler	262-970-9814
Charles Vanderschaaf	414-235-4041
Daniel & Mona Vasholz	262-706-3118

May 9, 2010

Bill & Bonnie Vath	262-782-3359
Armin Von der Linden	262-349-6292
Robert & Joan Weber	414-485-9066
*Tom & Rici Welden	262-679-4206
Gary & Pam Wendland	262-895-7186
Veri Wolf	414-422-1466
Larry Wright	414-975-9910
Larry & Sarah Wright	414-416-3523
Lisa R & Nick Wright	262-312-8212
Marilyn Wrolstad	262-641-0116

May 16, 2010

*Barb & Richard Zurstadt	262-679-3408
Jean & Michael Affolter	262-617-3115
Gerry & Dawn Anderson	414-529-1586
Louis & Ann Aranda	262-971-1165
Peter & Lisa Bakovic	414-423-6444
Tom & Mary Balistreri	262-971-0124
Martin & Carol Bangert	414-529-9011
Dave & Suzi Banks	414-422-0980
Gary & Gretchen Barg	262-971-9767
Jeffrey Barg	414-916-3865

May 23, 2010

*Kurt & Betty Barry	414-422-1176
Tyler & Amy Barry	414-727-0452
John & Sharon Bartholomay	262-662-0803
Lucas & Caroline Bedroske	414-545-1771
Wilma Benz	414-425-2259
Michael & Pam Besch	262-786-8896
Michael & Leanne Besson	262-679-1873
John & Janice Biniok	262-662-2557
Randy & Jo Boardman	262-797-9604
Craig & Norma Boesel	262-679-3539

May 30, 2010

Lucas & Carol Boesel	262-679-4837
Mark & Mary Boesel	414-422-9117
Marvin Boesel	262-679-2236
Roger & Gail Brunn	262-643-8711
Dave & Tracey Campbell	414-422-9221
Jeff & Kris Carey	262-784-2444
*Tom & Kris Casper	262-679-0708
David & Rachel Chapin	262-827-4299
Jean Christian	262-679-1713
Brian & Karen Cieslak	262-662-0286

June 6, 2010

Mark & Mary Crom	262-786-5568
Arline Dallmann	262-679-7943
Ernie & Doreen Damask	262-786-6674
Robert & Nancy Davey	262-679-2117
*James & Johanna Dinneen	262-786-1567
Dave & Allyson Doerflinger	262-679-4203
Mark & Laura Dolezar	262-938-9642
Dale & Sarah Drayna	414-427-2534
Amanda Duchrow	262-501-6075
Ronald & Kristin DuKatz	414-423-5330

The names with the asterisk will be the leader for the respective Sundays.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Nowak 414-418-4749.

